



Bill Green VNVDV President 2016

Veterans Day Ceremony Honoring all Veterans with a special tribute to Korean War Veterans

VSO Community program will be held on Nov. 11 at 10:30AM at the San Ramon Valley **High School 's** Performing Art Center in Danville Join us!

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











Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley Veterans Day November 11th Military Displays at VMB ~ Nov. 11 ~ 13 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Greetings...* October has passed & my thanks to VP Dennis Giacovelli for Chairing our October dinner meeting. The past month may have seemed quiet - although many committees were busy planning for November & December. November is a huge month for Veteran Service Organizations with many events planned locally all over the East Bay, none more than the Diablo Valley. Start off right... attend our Thur. - Nov. 3rd dinner meeting - not just because it is our annual meeting & election of our 2017 Officers & Directors... because we have an outstanding featured speaker, *VNVDV Honorary Life Member* DAVID BEH-RING, President of the Wheelchair Foundation & Board Alumnus of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History - home to the Price of Freedom: America at War, a permanent exhibit in the Washington, D. C. History Museum I recently viewed. Be sure to not miss this exciting meeting & speaker.

On Saturday, Nov. 5th from 8AM until 9:30AM a Free Pancake Breakfast will be hosted by elected official Catherine Baker & sponsored by the American Legion. This is during our usual Saturday morning *Veteran Coffee Social* from 8AM until 11AM. All Veterans are welcome. Also the same day from 9AM - 3PM the VA Outpatient Clinic in Martinez is featuring Free Flu Shots in the parking lot... it is a *"drive-through operation"* & easy to do! On Sunday, Nov. 6th - VNVDV is participating in Pleasanton's Veteran's Day Parade & Ceremony. Mustering at 10:30AM & parade starts at 1PM. CMOH Jim Taylor is Grand Marshall.

On Tuesday - November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM All Veterans are being honored in Martinez by our Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors at their annual Veteran's Day tribute honoring all Veterans. The ceremony will be led by our outstanding County Veterans Service Officer Nathan Johnson. This year's featured guest speaker is CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani MD. Don't miss this special tribute by our Supervisors. *Let's support Nathan!* 

Of course, November 10th is Happy Birthday to the U.S.M.C.

November 11<sup>th</sup> begins our annual combined VSO **Veteran's Day Program** with a special tribute honoring our Korean War Vets. Remember to invite family & friends to join in this free, community tribute to all Veterans on Veterans Day at San Ramon High School *Performing Arts Center. Doors open 10AM - Music & video* at 10:30AM.– Program at 11AM Thanks to VNVDV past president Ray LaRochelle stepping-up to chair the San Ramon **Valley's combined VSO tribute. A reception to meet & greet our** Korean War Veterans follows at the Veterans Memorial Building. ELECTION of OFFICERS & DIRECTORS in NOV. *Ballot in Newsletter* 

Reserve your Seats for Holiday Dinner Dec. 1st Reservations a Must \$45 per ticket *Remember to bring a GIFT CARD FROM A TOY STORE!* 

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

**November 3rd David Behring** - featured guest speaker: Why Veterans Fight & How Veterans



are Remembered: Monuments & Memorials

#### President's Message (Continued from Page One)

One of the most exciting Veteran's Day events is happening right here in the Diablo Valley at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley in Danville. A three-day expanded educational military exhibition starts on Friday, Nov. 11 & continuing on Saturday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, Nov. 13 and is free & open to the public. This is an outstanding community exhibit to help the community remember & allows families to share the history of our local Veterans. The VMB Museum & Library committee hosts this very special public three-day exhibit that spills over into the streets with a UH-1 Huey helicopter to climb aboard for photos & a jet cockpit from the USS Hornet also to jump in & take a photo! Military vehicles and so much more to see inside with docents available for questions. It's free & open to the public - see the details & hours on the poster! The main auditorium of the VMB will be filled with great displays of military memorabilia from all eras & special emphasis this year on the Korean War. If you have any unique items worthy of sharing in this community exhibit contact: Tim Sammons - Museum Curator ASAP. Please share information about this special 3-day exhibit & our Veteran's Day program.

During the month of November there are many events & offers recognizing all Veterans. The USS Hornet in Alameda is hosting a Job & Career Fair on Nov. 10th aboard the ship. The ELKS Club in Walnut Creek is hosting a holiday dinner for all Veterans on Sunday - Nov. 13. See details - flyers enclosed.

Veteran's Day also brings many offers of free meals & discounts to Veterans. This changes each year & the best place to track the options is the Internet - search for Veteran's Day Meals & Discounts. There are 5-6 websites tracking the changes & the requirements regarding each offer. FYI...Your VA Health Care photo ID card is one of your best Veteran IDs, unless you have the new Veterans status listed on your drivers license.

During the past month we have also been planning for our annual Operation Santa Clause event to support military families selected by their local command & our support of the Concord Vet Center's Santa Visit & the USMC "Toys for Tots". All of these programs are only successful with YOUR SUPPORT! We need your Toy & Gift Card donations at our December 1st Holiday Dinner to meet the requests & needs of these efforts. Please remember to obtain your donations & bring them to our Christmas Dinner Party. Please review the articles in this news regarding all the items mentioned.

Reservations in Advance are Required by the Country Club for this one dinner in December. Please make your reservations ASAP at the November dinner or by contacting "*Slatts*" with the number of seats required & your meal choice. This will be another grand event with spouses, friends, & supporters in attendance as we recognize & appreciate all who helped make 2016 another successful year continuing to serve others. I'm told that there is a *special MC* for the Dec. party. I guess we'll have to wait and see!

On a sad note, Helen Reese (HR) took a terrible fall on the 21st & shattered her right arm. Four + hours of surgery to put it back together again. This is going to take time to heal. Our thoughts and prayers **you out to you HR. Also, TJ's father is extremely ill & TJ went back to** Texas to be with him. Again, our thoughts & prayers go out to his dad & the family.

Encourage you to review each announcement in this edition of the INCOMING news & attend/participate in the outstanding events. *I'll see you at the dinner on Thursday & thank you for your support* 

Bill

#### William *"BILL"* Green President 2016 PH: 925 / 683-3293 E: BillGreen@aol.com



# December is Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Reservations Required!

VNVDV Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala & Annual TOY Drive for Operation Santa & Toys for Tots Thursday – DEC. 1st Social 5 / Dinner 6

President Bill Green has been busy attending & planning many events, although few as important as his year-end personal opportunity to host our annual membership & supporter recognition dinner. Once a year, the VNVDV steps back, taking extra time to gather as many members & supporters as possible.... To Include our spouses, family friends & supporters for our annual Christmas Holiday Dinner on the 1st Thursday in December & this is our largest dinner meeting with a great turnout. Make your reservations & join us this year.

<u>Reservations are REQUIRED</u> to enable *Crow Canyon Country Club's* Chef to plan & prepare for our gala!. This is our *only* dinner that NEEDS your RSVP <u>in advance</u>. *Please* ALL members & guests - confirm the number of guests in your party & the required number of seats & remember to include your entrée meal selection when forwarding your Reservation for our DEC. Holiday Dinner. All DEC dinner reservations must go our VNVDV Treasurer Mike **"Slatts"** Slattengren at: Slattengren.VNVDV@gmail.com & remember to include number of seats required & select one meal choice/dinner for each seats requested. Choose from: PRIME RIB / SALMON or VEGGIE for each meal.

<u>The dinner details</u>:: 8 oz. Prime Rib or 6 oz. Salmon or Veggie (squash ravioli) dinner with side vegetables & Caesar Salad served with Bread baskets & coffee or tea plus cheese cake for dessert! A great meal, served at your table for only **\$45. per person** including taxes & tip. **Reservations a Must!** 

We have a maximum number of 150 seats available for our annual dinner gala. If you are bringing guests & a group desiring to sit together - please inform "Slatts" of the number in your party. Please make your reservations early (at the NOV meeting) or ASAP, especially groups... Advance Reservations a Must!

#### Deadline for reservations: Wednesday, November 23th

*(Thanksgiving Eve).* We must give Crow Canyon a final count. This annual dinner gala will be a sell-out so please make your reservations prior to the deadline. *Thanks.* 

<u>Please note</u>: Due to the large crowd, & County Club requirements - it is REQUIRED all members & guests have advance reservations for this one annual dinner. We sometimes have a limited number of single seats available for someone attending the *program only*.. please advise Slatts. Due to the large crowd seating preference will go to guests with **a meal ticket. All members & guests are requested to "Check-In" at the** dinner & obtain your meal selection ID card.

If you have *questions* prior to the event - contact Treasurer Mike "*Slatts*" Slattengren: <u>slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com</u>





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DANVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING 400 HARTZ AVENUE DANVILLE 94526

TO RSVP, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 925.328.1515.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ALAMO CEMETERY DECEMBER 12, 2016 NOON

The Alamo Cemetery is an official Wreaths Across America site. Help honor and remember our local heroes burled there. We have identified over 100 veterans, from all wars, one even from the Civil War! What you can do: SPONSOR & 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 Sanday, September 18, 2 PM. Soda Center Sparker: Cyma Bultin, the curator and producer for the exhibit





San Ramon Valley VETERAN'S DAY Observance Friday ~ November 11 San Ramon High School Performing Arts Center Seating: 10AM - Video: 10:30AM - Program: 11AM FREE & Open to the Community



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Honoring All Veterans

Honoring All Veterans with Special Tribute to Korean War Veterans

#### **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 and 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 2014 event hosted families of 110 activeduty, wounded and killed-in-action military personnel. The families were treated to a traditional holiday experience that included a visit and picture with Santa Claus, stuffed Christmas stockings, sledding on a hill of manufactured but real snow, an opportunity to make their very 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 and two weekend stays at a Lake Tahoe cabin. We thank the Blue Star Moms for their support of Operation Santa Claus each year.



The VNVDV's DEC Holiday Dinner is the time of our Annual Toy Drive. Toy donations are great, although to help support the VNVDV's major purchase of new toys to support Operation Santa this year it's requested \$20 - \$25 Gift Cards for Toy Stores i.e. TOY-R-US is a great substi-Help Make Christmas Bright for someone! lected for *Operation Santa Claus*. These

GIFT CARDS will be used for the bulk purchase of new toys used at TESORO GOLDEN EAGLE REFINERY who generously agreed to continue their support of **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS** for 2016. VNVDV members are asked to participate by bringing \$20-25 Gift Cards for Toy Stores 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 *specially 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 be used for Toys for Tots & the Concord Vet Center "Santa Visit" - BRING ALL GIFT CARDS for Toys to our DEC. Holiday Dinner.

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

# VEEERANS THANK YOU IDENNER

Sunday, November 13, 2016 Opens at 2:00 p.m. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. All Veterans - Free

> (Bring DD214, VA ID, or come in uniform) Non-Veteran Guests - \$10

Please feel free to invite other vets or pass it on.

Reservations are required, so call 925-935-1811.

Let us know who you served with and how many will be coming so we can plan. This will be an openseating buffet type event, so plan early and get your reservations in, as this will fill up fast (servers will be available for those who can't go to the buffet).

> Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811 1475 Creekside Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (925) 935-1811

> > Livermore, CA

MICHAEL PAUL

g4vlivermore@comcast.net





GUITARS FOR VETS HAS RELOCATED TO THE CONCORD VET CENTER AND THIS WILL PERMIT MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUSIC PROGRAMS. <u>PICTURED LEFT</u>: MIKE ERGO, JEFF JEWELL FROM THE CONCORD VET CENTER & MIKE PAUL, DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GUITARS FOR VETS





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#### TRI-VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE & CEREMONY Pleasanton - Sunday November 6, 2016 - 1PM

Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade at 1PM Color Guard Muster in front of the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Muster at 1130 hrs. (11:30 AM), advise getting there earlier as parking can get bad. 10 members to carry flags and our VNVDV banner. Dress will be our parade uniform, white polo shirts, blue trousers, tennis shoes. Contact Jerry Yahiro (925)-683-2541 or jyahiro@aol.com



Veterans Day honors all veterans who have served or are serving our nation in the armed forces. This year the parade and the post parade event are dedicated to those who served during the Vietnam War era. This event will mark the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor Recipient US Army Major (Retired) James A. Taylor will be the parade grand marshal and will be the



guest speaker at the post parade ceremony.

Around 2:15 p.m., the post parade ceremony will begin in Veterans Memorial Hall. Once again, the theme will be honoring the service and sacrifice of Vietnam era veterans. A short film narrated by Sam Elliott will be shown followed by remarks from Major Taylor. Major Taylor will then present commemorative pins to all Vietnam era veterans who served from 1959 to 1975. Sign up to participate at the November VNVDV dinner meeting.

# A great VNVDV Dinner - October 2016



# VNVDV Member November Birthdays

Michael Karl	Navy	Michael McClosky	Air Force
"TJ" Trujillo	Army	Tim Sammons	Navy
Tom Holstrom	Navy	Gary Pforr	Army
Steve Mazaika	Army	Donald Parker	Navy
Phil Stage	Army	Slatts Slattengren	Navy
Kasey Warner	Navy	Dave Corozza	Air Force
Steve Shirley	Army	Charles Gibson	Army
	Bob Poirier	11/29 Navy	
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#### THANKS TO OCTOBER SPEAKER

#### **Jane Kreidler**

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of the Contractors State License Board Public Affairs Office.



NEW MEMBERS OCT 2016

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John Rehnberg

James Bell

Gerald Raver

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Bill MacDonald

Army

Air Force



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#### EAST BAY CHAPTER 101

#### DANVILLE, CA

PERMANENT DONATION DROP OFF SITE:

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate

630 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Danville, Ca 94526

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



"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."



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. This year, *Supervisor's Veterans Day* recognition will take place on

### Tuesday, November 8 - arrive at 10:30 AM

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the

Wheelchair Foundation "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.

Thank you for your support of VNVDV *Two Trips to Vietnam* 

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#### 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.

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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 & see VNVDV
 Blue Star Moms #101 website: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20 website: www.Chuestarmoms.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



On **Tuesday - November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM** all Veterans & patriotic community members are encouraged to be in Martinez for our Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors annual Veteran's Day Tribute honoring all Veterans. This special salute is again led by our outstanding County Veterans Service Officer **Nathan Johnson**. The County Supervisor's will feature

#### CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani, M.D.

as special guest & featured speaker. This is the Secretary's first visit to Contra Costa. Don't miss this special tribute by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday Nov. 8th - arrive by 10:30AM - parking available. We thank our County Board of Supervisors for their support of our Veterans Service Office & our special appreciation to Service Officer Nathan Johnson and his outstanding team for their support of all Veterans & their families.



# CONCORD VETERANS Day Ceremony and Softball Tournament

Event Details Join the City of Concord and VFW Post 1525 for a special Veterans Day Cerement November 11, 2018 at 11400am Followed by a day of baseball at the 4th Annual Veterans Day Invitational Softball Tournament Willow Pass Softball Fields, Sadyo St. and E. Olivera Ro, Concord, CA

(SEE MAP ON BACK)

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

**© 12 TEAM TOURNAMENT, MINIMUM 10 PLAYERS PER TEAM** 

**© EACH TEAM GUARANTEED 3 GAMES** 

♦ MINIMUM 50% OF TEAM MUST BE VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY (ID CHECK)

♦ TEAMS MAY BE CO-ED, BUT MALE-FEMALE RATIO NOT REQUIRED

**ALUMINUM BATS ONLY, ALL OTHER RULES FOLLOW CITY OF CONCORD SOFTBALL LEAGUE** 

♦ FOOD WILL BE FOR SALE TO COVER TOURNAMENT COSTS WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITTING MILITARY AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Please contact Nathan Johnson at <u>Nathan.Johnson@vs.cccounty.us</u> or (925) 313-1481 for information about team registration.

# FREE VETERANS JOB FAIR Aboard USS *Hornet*





A Job Fair for Veterans, Activity Military & Military Families Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 10 AM – 3 PM USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave. Pier 3, Alameda FREE – Advance Registration Recommended



# VA Flu ShotsDrive Thru the VA Martinez OPCSaFREEParking Lot for your Free Flu ShotN

Saturday NOV. 5th 9 - 3 THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING OF SAN RAMON VALLEY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF DANVILLE PRESENT

# HONOR \* COMMUNITY \* SERVICE

Join us for an open house featuring military memorabilia. These temporary exhibits will be honoring our nation's veterans in conjunction with Veterans Day. The focus of this year's event will be "The Korean War". Exhibits will be on display November 11 - 13. Special events will be featured.

 Veterans Memorial Building 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 (925) 855-1200 For more information visit vmbsrv.org

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ADMISSION



Please Share this Special 3-Day Event Information with family - friends & community. Thank You

#### 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.

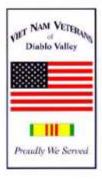
Each month you're invited to call in, text or live chat with the hosts & guests. Be a part of the conversation and you can help other vets who are struggling with the same issue. New topics every month - 3rd Monday!

**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: <u>http://www.contracostatv.org/veteransvoices</u>. *All previous shows are on-demand 24/7 & If your or-ganization 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	Danville "VSO" Outstation - 400 Hartz
Join fellow Veterans each Saturday AM	Ave. Open <u>every Wednesday</u> from 10
from 8-11at Veterans Memorial Building	to 2 for Veterans & family member.
Hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskin - Lee	Schedule your "benefit check-up"
Halverson & the Veterans Memorial Building	
Join Us for a few minutes or an hour - Drop In!	VSO in Martinez at: 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**

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VietNam Veterans... first dinner is on us! A token of our thanks. Annual Membership \$25. Life Membership \$50 in honor of 50th Commemoration



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#### Fourth Annual Veterans Conference

#### Reintegration and Homecoming: Welcoming Warriors and Saluting Service

#### **OUR MISSION**

Helping veterans reconnect and establish a role in the community by introducing speakers and panelists in law, health, and employment. The Fourth Annual Veterans Conference will allow veterans, attorneys, and the community to learn about the unique skills possessed by veterans and how these skills can be used to create a successful transition into the civilian world.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Honorable Lee D. Baxter Courtroom Golden Gate University 536 Mission Street, Room 2203 San Francisco, CA 94105

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is required and includes breakfast and 3 hours of MCLE credit. Register at:

http://alumni.ggu.edu/fourth-annual-veterans-conference

- Military Veterans No charge
- Students \$10
- Individual Tickets \$20 .

#### PANELISTS

Guest panelists from the National Guard Association of California, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department COVER Program, Work for Warriors, and the San Francisco Veterans Administration will discuss challenges and strategies veterans face during reintegration.

QUESTIONS: Contact Daniel Devoy, Director, GGU Law Veterans Legal Advocacy Center at ddevoy@ggu.edu or (415) 442-6679.

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January 2017

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter -

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 13<sup>th</sup> 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", <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 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>BillGreen@aol.com</u>

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

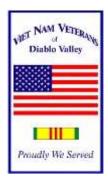
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#### DONATION IDEAS

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..



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

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

VNVDV Contact: President Bill Green - Telephone: (925) 683-3293 - E-mail: billgreen@aol.com

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John "Garfield" Reese

All VNVDV Ballots should be submitted at Annual Meeting in NOV. or copied from the November issue of the INCOMING News and Completed in Full and Mailed to the organizational address - VNVDV - PO Box 2079 - Danville by the Nov. 13, 2016 deadline.

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ALL BALLOTS MUST BE COMPLETED ALLOWING ELECTION COMMITTEE TO MATCH AGAINST OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.			

#### VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley



#### **Official Mailing Address:**

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Post Office Box 2079

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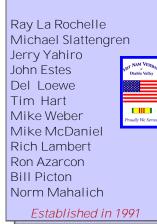


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#### VNVDV Members & VIPs

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 <u>OPEN</u> - 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! 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 <u>NOT</u> Required - Except December Appreciation Dinner** Meeting are OPEN to ALL Veterans - Supporter & Guests

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