



# INCOMING NEWS



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

### EBSD Volunteer Sign-up ends SEP 10

### 2,500 Volunteers Needed - Register Now!

Sept. 2016



Bill Green VNVDP  
President 2016

#### East Bay Stand

Down is a community support program providing a helping hand-up... not a hand-out to our Homeless & in-need Veterans from SEP. 15 - 18  
Registration is Open  
2,500 Volunteers are needed. Sign-up in advance on-line.

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

Join us in supporting EBSD



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All, we are going into Sept. with a full plate of events. First, our monthly meeting on the first Thursday – September 1<sup>st</sup>. This month we also recognize **Patriot Day on 9/11** at Oak Hill Park, the site of the All Wars Memorial. The 9/11 remembrance program is sponsored by the Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley & I encourage all members & supporters to attend on Thursday - Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 5PM for the one-hour program. Our *Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley* is participating in Gianni's "Tips" fundraiser on September 12<sup>th</sup> in San Ramon with reservations from 5PM until 8PM.

The BIG event is **East Bay Stand Down (EBSD)** & needs the support of veterans - community members & organizations. We need volunteers for all phases... beginning with the set-up around the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> *all prior to the event*. EBSD is an event that is close to my heart and I have volunteered to work on all of them since 1999. EBSD provides "A helping hand-up not a hand-out" to our less fortunate fellow Veterans. Every homeless, displaced & less fortunate Veteran who participates... earlier in their life "raised their hand" taking that step forward to proudly serve EBSD provides us an opportunity... our time - to give back to our Veterans. OUR COUNTRY. This bi-annual, four-day event is once again led by Jerry Yahiro - who's dedication without question is "above and beyond the call of duty" serving others.

**9/11 Remembrance... a Ceremony in Danville in memory of those we have lost & to honor the pilot of flight UA175.**



**The Patriot Day ceremony will take place - Sunday Sept 11 - from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park - 3005 Stone Valley Road in Danville. Please Join us!**



### SPEAKER SEPTEMBER 1

Rev. William "Rev. Bill" McDonald Jr. will discuss his work supporting Veterans with PTSD and his role with the making of the documentary "IN THE SHADOW OF THE BLADE". Please join us for dinner on Thursday - SEP 1ST.



**Please Note: Nominations open for Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 2017 Officers & Board of Directors - Election Nov 3rd - Info in Letter**



# EastBayStandDown.org

## On-Line Registration ENDS SEP 10

### VOLUNTEER NOW!



East Bay Stand Down

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

**VOLUNTEER for SET-UP -  
VOLUNTEER for the FOUR DAY  
PROGRAM & VOLUNTEER for  
TEAR DOWN TOO! Sign-Ups  
Needed Now! Register On-Line in-  
advance to participate at EBSD**

**A complete list of the Sept 15 - 18  
Volunteer areas & requirements are listed  
on the EBSD website.**

**All volunteers must register on-line.  
NO on-site volunteer registration permitted.  
No "visitors" or "wandering"**

Putting this major, community supported event together is a FULL TIME job & he can never receive enough **THANKS** for his time & dedication. Jerry has crafted a dedicated group of board members – coordinators & volunteers that are just as motivated & dedicated to this worthwhile project. I am so proud to say that many of those Volunteers come from our ranks & I cannot **THANK** each and every one of you enough!!!

Shortly after our September Stand Down, comes our **"TAKE the ROCK"** Military & Veteran Alcatraz Swim Challenge. This VNVDV sponsored event will be held Sunday – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and once again we are proud to supporting this event. Concord VET Center's Mike Ergo is leading this event & doing a hell-of-a-job in coordinating! This year's swim we will have around 50 swimmers with VET Center's Team Leader Jeff Jewell leading the charge. Hats-off to Jeff... he has been training for this swim for over a year & is honoring the *Blue Star Moms* with his swim. The **Swim Challenge** is from Alcatraz to Aquatic Park – about 1.3 miles if you swim straight! This is another event that can't be done without a long list of volunteers. If you get the chance, come watch our young (and old) Vets conquer San Francisco Bay early on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun for all!

**VETERAN'S DAY** honors our Korean War Veterans & the VMB will host a three-day display (items needed for exhibit). This month, I have appointed three Past Presidents to serve as our Nomination & Election Committee for 2017. Del Loewe is Chair & Rich Lambert & Mike Weber are members. The 2017 election is at our Annual NOV Meeting. Also mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Recognition Dinner. I look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting & at many of these other events this month.

*My personal welcome to all of our new members & my sincere thanks to all members who have become new LIFE members of the most active VSO in the bay area for only \$50. as a tribute to your military service in VietNam. My best wishes...*

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



# EBSD receives generous support from tri-valley donors at the Final Community Planning Meeting in August



**Bay Equity Home Loans** provided a generous donation to the East Bay Stand Down at the August 2016 community planning meeting in Danville. Attending were about 125 other interested members of groups - organizations – churches – corporations - non-profits & community supporters. These informational, public planning meetings were held each month to provide information & updates on the September 15 through 18 East Bay Stand Down community support event. The objective is to provide a **“helping hand-up... not a hand-out”** to our bay area homeless Veterans & at-risk Veterans who unfortunately “slipped through the system” of benefits & assistance they earned through their military service to our nation.

*Still time to become a Tent Sponsor or Major Sponsor - all donation are welcome!*  
 Many thanks to CHEVRON becoming the EBSD 2016 leading Major Sponsor.  
 All Major Sponsors logo are listed on the EBSD website home page.

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**The VNVDV sincerely Thanks PHILLIPS 66 San Francisco Refinery for their generous support of our Veterans & presents a donation check to VNVDV representing proceeds from the WALK OF HONOR Salute to Veterans held in May on Armed Forces Day annually. The May event is the 8th year of Walk of Honor sponsorship by Phillips 66 SFR. This supports our many programs!**



Phillips 66 Paul Adler & Aimee Lohr (center) present the VNVDV President Bill Green with a donation from the Phillips 66 sponsored "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans.

**WWII VET  
"MIC NIGHT"**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
CONCORD VET CENTER

**We Can Do It!**

COME MEET PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS  
THE REAL ROSIE THE RIVETERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
RSVP 925-680-4526

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

The VNVDV Board of Directors Meeting regularly scheduled on the 3rd Thursday each month is **CHANGED** for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2016** & will **NOT** be held on **SEPTEMBER 15** at 6 PM at the VMB/SRV. By a passage of a motion by the BOD the meeting for the Board has been **RE-SCHEDULED** for a BOD meeting to be held on **WED - SEPTEMBER 14th - 6PM** (the day before)..

The change for the **SEPTEMBER BOD** allows VNVDV leadership & members to support and participate in the **EAST BAY STAND DOWN**.  
**Have YOU Volunteered Yet?**



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

## VOLUNTEER ON-LINE for EAST BAY STAND DOWN

East Bay Stand Down 2016 (EBSD) is September 15 through 18, 2016 at Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton - *a four-day encampment providing a "Helping Hand-Up... Not a Handout" to our displaced & homeless Veterans.*

Select an Area/Activity & Time from the on-line Volunteer areas  
Remember: SIGN-UP PRIOR TO SEPT 10th

Community Organizations - Clubs - Businesses - Churches - Groups & Individuals are encouraged to get involved. Go to the EBSD website to discover how you can support & assist in EBSD 2016 - our major community effort to aid the VA in their goal to *end homelessness for our nation's military Veterans.*

The 2016 EBSD will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds - supported by the VA - DOD - State & many community service providers with over 2,500 volunteers involved in EBSD 2016. **Community Volunteers are needed for set-up prior to the event beginning** Sept 8th & Volunteers will again be needed Sept. 18th & days following - after the close of EBSD for the tear-down & storage of the encampment. The EBSD website Registration has all these positions listed in addition to the four-day program.

Businesses - organizations & individuals can help **"sponsor" EBSD 2016... and it's not too late to make a donation to EBSD 2016. Your "Sponsorship Donation Checks" for East Bay Stand Down should be made payable to - Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation for EBSD.**

*All donations are welcome & appreciated. Major Sponsorship begins at \$5,000.00. Individuals & Non-profit Organizations can sponsor a "Tent" for \$500. & Corporations & Business "Tent" sponsorship is \$1,000.*

QUESTIONS - about EBSD - *check the website: [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)*

**"VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP" is OPEN & CLOSING on Sept. 10th. All VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER IN-ADVANCE on-line using the EBSD website.**  
*No Walk-In Volunteers & No on-site Volunteer Registration Available.*

Help spread the word & get other **organizations - churches - non-profits - service clubs - businesses** involved in EBSD 2016 - our major community event helping our homeless & displaced Veterans at **EBSD 2016.**

# 9/11 Remembrance Program

## All Wars Memorial

### Oak Hill Park ~ Danville

### Sunday 9/11 @ 5PM

OUR COMMUNITY REMEMBERS



**9/11** HONORS MY  
**UNCLE-PILOT FLIGHT 175**  
 SPEAKER: JUSTIN CLARK



**SUNDAY 9/11/16**  
**OAK HILL PARK 5:00**  
 3500 STONE VALLEY RD DANVILLE



### Flight 175

- MONTE VISTA CHOIR
- ICE CREAM & PICNIC
- SCOUT ARRAY OF FLAGS
- FLIGHT OF DOVES
- STUDENT ESSAY AWARDS

COMMUNITY PICNIC  
 HOSTED BY  
 EXCHANGE CLUB  
 Follows ceremony

[srvexchangeclub.org](http://srvexchangeclub.org)



**Community Program**  
**Hosted by San Ramon Valley Exchange Club**  
[www.SRVExchangeClub.org](http://www.SRVExchangeClub.org)

Help Support the VMB/SRV Operations. Sept. 12th join us at...

# Gianni's

ITALIAN BISTRO

## TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT BENEFITTING

## THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING OF SAN RAMON VALLEY



*Monday, September 12, 2016*  
*Between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM*  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Please join us at **Gianni's Italian Bistro** for a *Great Italian Dinner*, inspiring conversation, and heart-warming camaraderie... to support our Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley Operations in Danville... with your dinner being served by our local VMB Team of Veterans - retired Generals – Officers - Enlisted

All TIPS go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building's Operating Committee to Fund & Support annual events, such as:

- Military Recruit Swearing-in Ceremony
- Docent lead tours of the Veterans Memorial Building Museum Collection
- Veterans Day (weekend) Special Event Open House Museum
- World War II Veterans Recognition Ceremony
- Research Library & Historic VMB Military Museum
- Veterans Resource Center for Returning Veterans
- Army-Navy game buffet lunch
- As well as paying the day to day operating expenses of the entire *Veterans Wing* of the Memorial Building.

Please Call **925/820-6969** for Reservations

Or go to [opentable.com](http://opentable.com)

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**Take the Challenge... Start your free training to -**

# TAKE THE ROCK



## **Veteran Alcatraz Swim Challenge**

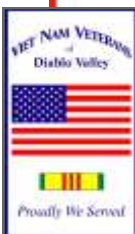
**SEPT 25, 2016**

Eligible Participants: Veterans, Serving Military and their parents, spouses, children and siblings

Includes Training Program

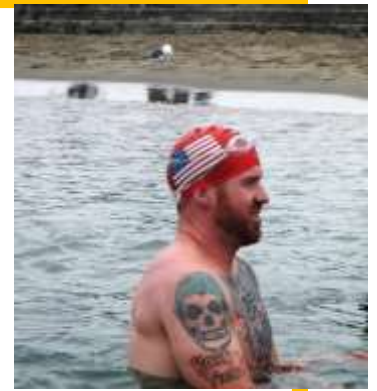
**Info at [www.taketherock.com](http://www.taketherock.com)**

Sponsored by: Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley and Nadadores Locos Swim Club





**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](mailto: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!**

# A great VNVDV Dinner - August 2016



*Tips  
FOR  
Change*

## SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  
RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE  
BETWEEN 5:00 – 8:00 PM

EVENT SPONSORED BY THE  
DANVILLE/SYCAMORE ROTARY CLUB

*Jacqueline Rush*  
LYNCH SYNDROME  
CANCER FOUNDATION

Jacqueline Rush grew up in Danville, graduated from Monte Vista HS, and the University of San Diego. She was a bright, intelligent young woman with many friends, bursting with dreams and aspirations. Her life and dreams were cut short at the age of 23 from colorectal cancer, caused by Lynch Syndrome, an inherited genetic mutation believed to be present in 1 in 400 people in the US. The Jacqueline Rush Foundation mission is to save lives by increasing public and medical community awareness of Lynch Syndrome; to raise funds to support Lynch Syndrome Research; find more effective cancer treatment options; ultimately to find a cure. For more information about the foundation and Jacqueline's story, please visit [www.facebook.com/JacquelineRushFoundation](http://www.facebook.com/JacquelineRushFoundation).

Members of the Danville/Sycamore Rotary Club will be your servers for the evening with all tips and 10% of sales going to support the Lynch Syndrome Cancer Foundation. You enjoy a wonderful dinner and support a worthy cause. It's a Win-Win.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 925-820-6969  
OR GO TO [OPENTABLE.COM](http://OPENTABLE.COM)

**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley are proud to Support  
Danville / Sycamore Valley Rotary Club - Sept. 26th**

# VNVDV MEMBER SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tom Hutchens	Navy	Michael Hurder	Army
Bill Tharp	Army	Nathan Greene	Air Force
Fred Granados	Army	Bob Miller	Navy
Don Loeffler	Army	Lawrence Ames	Air Force
Dave Smith	Army	John McPartland	Marine
Bart Gilbert	Army	Julian Mathews	Navy
Keith Harrigan	Army	Dan Young	Army

## **Congratulations to new Members:**

**Carey Battersby Army Tom McHale Marine**

**THANKS to our VNVDV August Dinner Speaker Richard Jarrett for providing a very interesting account of his career as an Officer in the Drug Enforcement Agency in its early years until his retirement from the DEA.**



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# Danville's Hot Summer Nights Car Show

## Danville Hot Summer Nights Hot Rod and Classic Car Show

This is the 22nd year! 2016 Finale show August 11th

Danville, CA  
ezasugo@yahoo.com  
925-437-3649



Membership Director Joe Callaway participated with President Bill Green & invited SIX new (non-member) VietNam Veterans to Dinner at the Car Show in Danville.  
How many VietNam Veterans do you know & could invite to our dinner?



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

# VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First &amp; MI</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
<b>NAME:</b>					
<b>Spouse / SO</b>					
	<i>No. &amp; Street</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
<b>Address:</b>					
<b>Home E-Mail:</b>			<b>Work E-Mail:</b>		
<b>Company:</b>			<b>Title:</b>		

### Military Service

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Dates of Service</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Viet Nam / Military Dates</i>
<b>Viet Nam Units:</b>				
<b>Location(s):</b>				
<b>Medals &amp; Awards:</b>				

### PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Welcome Home Events                      | <input type="checkbox"/> VNVDV Super Sunday Crab Feed          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Ceremony / All Wars Memorial          | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk of Honor for our Veterans        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danville Fourth of July Parade - Flag Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> East Bay Stand Down - Volunteer       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard & Service Colors / Flag Detail         | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday & Other Support for Veterans  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Day Ceremony                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau - High Schools        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors / Leadership                    | <input type="checkbox"/> GWOT Duck Club Retreat                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Building Museum / Docent         | <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Rock: Veteran Swim Challenge |

**Please Visit our Website @ [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com) for other Activities & Programs**

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

*THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of your DD-214 - and a check for Annual Dues: \$25 payable to VNVDV**

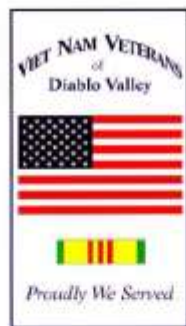
P.O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - PR/INFO: 925 / 935 - 4859 - E-Mail: VNVDV1@gmail.com

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit organization/corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from Federal (IRC 501a) and State (RTC 23701w) income tax

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

**VietNam Veterans... first dinner is on us! A token of our thanks.**

**Annual Membership \$25. Life Membership \$50 in honor of 50th Commemoration**



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***

# Members please 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 HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION & THAT'S FINE! WE ARE NON-POLITICAL AS A REQUIREMENT IN OUR NON-PROFIT VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION & STATUS. THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE - NO EXCEPTIONS! WE PROUDLY SERVED TO PROVIDE FREEDOM & EVERYONE'S RIGHTS & WE DO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL VETERANS TO PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR PERSONAL FREEDOM & 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 providing 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](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or call 800-777-0133.

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**Veterans' Voices Needs Your Input Join Viewer Advisory Panel**

**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:

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"



Nathan Johnson presents Carl Swanson with a Certificate of Participation for helping out with Veterans' Voices.



Steven Burchik chats with Chris Verdugo-Executive Producer of Veterans' Voices.

**Veterans' Voices Hosts Annual BBQ**

Nathan Johnson, the County Veteran's Service Officer and the production crew of the Veteran's Voices TV Show hosted the 1st Annual BBQ on Saturday, August 6 at the Concord Vets Center. It was a way to say thank you to the many viewers and veterans who support the show by participating in the Viewer Advisory Panel.



Mark your calendars now for **September 17, 2016!** This is our club's signature event that begins with morning bike ride (choose from 100, 60, or 30 mile rides), followed by the best party in the East Bay on a sunny Saturday afternoon! Great beer, great food, and great music! For more information go to [www.v3hopfest.com](http://www.v3hopfest.com).

**12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon (Bishop Ranch)**

**Hopfest is The Party: 20 craft breweries, live music, food trucks and more!**

Benefitting Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation



The DVSR Rotary Foundation was once again privileged to present a donation to Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation. Funds were earned through our annual signature event—**V3 Hopfest.**



## Viewer Advisory Panel

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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

**CELEBRATE**  
THEIR LIVES

**HONOR**  
THEIR SERVICE

**REMEMBER**  
THEIR SACRIFICE

10TH ANNUAL

*Joey Graves*  
**MEMORIAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Honoring our Fallen Heroes & Veterans*

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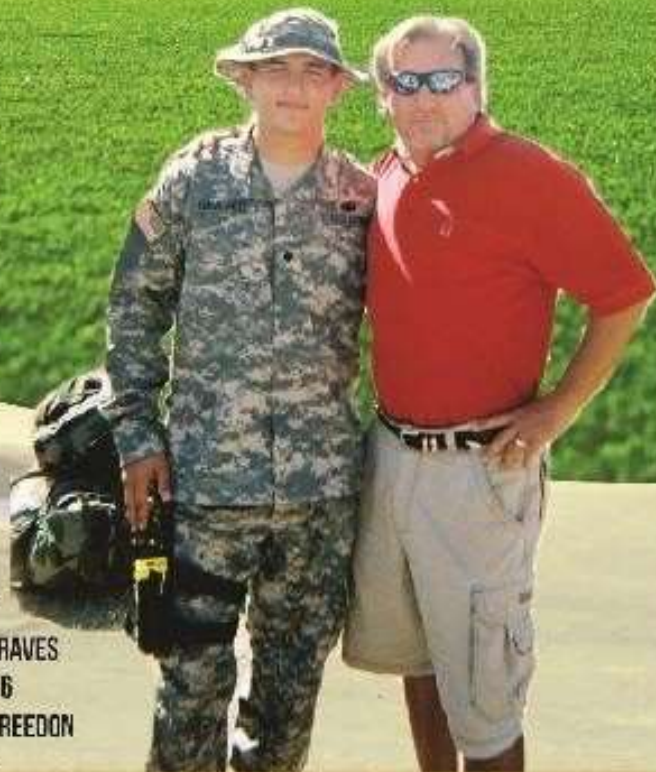
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**OF JOEY'S BRAVERY AND**  
**SACRIFICE TO OUR NATION.**

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**REGISTER AT [SOMEGAVEALL.US](http://SOMEGAVEALL.US) TODAY!**

Some Gave All - The Joey Graves Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 non-profit organization.  
All proceeds benefit the families of our fallen soldiers.





**Register to  
VOLUNTEER  
at EBSD 2016  
September 15 thru 18**

**EAST BAY STAND DOWN Registration is OPEN to Volunteer**

**Visit the EBSD website for full details on Sponsorship & Volunteer to serve our fellow Veterans in need - Register at: [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)**

**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**



**More information at: [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org)  
& if donating a wheelchair - mark "VNVDV" on your WCF note. Thanks!**

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

**VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP...  
Special 50th Commeration  
Limited Time - ONLY \$50.**

**Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office  
is OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans**

**All Wars Memorial Paver**

**AWM ENGRAVING ONLY TWO TIMES A  
YEAR - Only 25 Blank Pavers Remain  
Do you have Your AWM Paver Ordered?  
Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor,  
family member with a Paver Tribute! Only -  
\$250.00**

**Engraving is only performed in the Spring &  
Fall. Take time to visit the AWM website for  
an order form & more historical & educational  
information about all wars.  
[www.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)**

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](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)*

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

# EBSD PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



## East Bay Stand Down for Veterans and their Families

September 15-18, 2016 | Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA

### Participants must Pre-register

- Pre-registration begins August 1 and ends September 2 – Presenting your DD-214 is encouraged, but not required.
  - Pre-Registration is NOT a guarantee of admission to Stand Down. No Walk-Ins!
  - Eligibility for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services is NOT required for admission.
    - All services are free. Family members may attend with valid proof of relationship.
    - This is a 4-day event and you are expected to be there the entire time – No “ins and outs.”
  - No drugs (includes marijuana even if you have a valid cannabis card), alcohol, weapons or violence.
    - You will be treated with the dignity and respect you deserve at all times at the event.
  - Transportation to and from the event will be provided. Bringing your own car is discouraged.

### Pre-Registration Sites

- VA Oakland Behavioral Health Clinic, 525 21st St., Oakland, CA | POC: Anna Berg | M, W, F: 8AM – 4:30PM
- VA Livermore Clinic, 4951 Arroyo Rd., Bldg. 62, 5th Floor, RM 505, Livermore, CA | POC: Adriann Pemberton: 650.493.5000 x36199 | Mondays: 10AM – 11AM
- VA Martinez Clinic, 150 Muir Rd., Bldg. R-1, Rm 114A, Martinez, CA | POCs: Tristan Ring: (925) 372-2455 | W & F: 2PM – 4PM; Elizabeth Rocha: (925) 372-2408, Homeless Drop-In Group @ Mental Health Clinic: W: 2PM – 3PM; F: 9AM – 12PM
- East Contra Costa County, POC: Alex Alexander: (415) 519-9983; Call for availability
- Bay Area Rescue Mission, 200 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA | POC: Dan Helix: (510) 215-4868 | Check with shelter for available times
- San Francisco VA Downtown Clinic, 401 3rd St., San Francisco, CA | POC: Duane Ray: (415) 281-5191 | M-F: 9AM – 3:30PM
- VA Menlo Park Clinic, 795 Willow Rd., Bldg. 324, Rm E-101, Menlo Park, CA | POC: Michael Quijano: (650) 493-5000 ext 25590 | Fridays: 10AM – 2PM
- Peninsula Vet Center, 345 Middlefield Rd., Bldg. 1, 1st Floor, Menlo Park, CA | POC: James Howard: (650) 617-4300 | M & F: 8AM-12PM, 1PM-3PM
- San Jose Vet Center, 440 North 1st St., Suite 120, San Jose, CA | POC: Corey Cochran: (408) 993-0729 | M-F: 7AM – 3:30PM
- VA Stockton Outpatient Clinic, 7777 South Freedom Rd., Trailer S-1, Room 103, French Camp, CA | POC: Derek McGinnis: (650) 906-4426 | Wednesdays: 10AM – 12PM

### Some of the Services Available at Stand Down Are:

COMPLETE MEDICAL  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
MENTAL HEALTH

OFF-SITE PET CARE  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
DENTAL SERVICES

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE  
MEALS/CLOTHING/HYGIENE  
WELLNESS SERVICES

ID/DRIVERS LICENSE  
VETERANS BENEFITS  
COURT/LEGAL SERVICES

PRIVATE AREA FOR WOMEN VETERANS AND CHILDREN

[www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)  
Post Office Box 2133 - Danville, CA 94526

**PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER IN-ADVANCE - NO "WALK-IN" or ON-SITE REGISTRATION**



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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 Veterans! Don't Wait!**

**VA's NEW MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**  
**OPEN for VETERANS - Use the Services**  
**VA MARTINEZ**  
**150 Muir Road**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**

**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 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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Martinez, CA 94553

**Tel: (925) 313-1481**

Fax: (925) 313-1490

[Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us](mailto:Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us)



**Veterans**  
**Services**

**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  
(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785  
[TCOAK8@gmail.com](mailto:TCOAK8@gmail.com)



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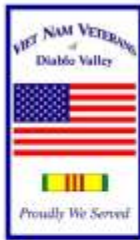
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# VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley



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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](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