

# INCOMING NEWS



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

# VNVDV Distribute 10,000 American Flags participating in Danville's Kiwanis 4th of July Independence Day Parade

AUG 2017



Bill Green  
VNVDV  
President  
2017



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings –

July is one of the most enjoyable months due to the amazing 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in the Town of Danville that attracts 45,000 to 50,000 community members, families & children – and well over 100 entries. The parade is hosted by Kiwanis and sponsored by local business with registration fees. The VNVDV is well known for their distribution early in the parade of American Flags to thousands of young children sitting along the parade route so they can wave their free flag as the many **patriotic participants pass by.** This year's parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> was great - not as great as some years - but still a great time and the BBQ at the VMB sponsored by the VFW for all Veterans was great. Also, thanks to all members who distributed Flags and then attended **the afternoon President's Parade party afterwards** was really great. A **"Big Thanks"** to all of you who took part & recruited other Veterans & members to join you! Being in this parade has been a big part of our organizations history – obtaining the USMC Color Guard – providing the Military Service Colors for each Branch & recruiting a Band for the parade most years while members distribute our Flags to the children early in the parade so they have them to wave to others. Thanks to the Scouts for helping out this year and everyone else who made this year another successful event



**Thanks to all those who participated in the 4th of July Parade Flag Distribution Great job!**

**VETERAN 's**  
SAT Morning  
**Social Coffee...**  
Join fellow  
Veterans each  
Saturday  
8AM until 11AM  
In Danville at the  
Veterans  
Memorial  
Building  
Pastries too!

**DON'T MISS AUG 3rd**  
**John Schembra will discuss his experience as an MP in Vietnam, his first book *A Novel of Vietnam* and his work with the Pleasant Hill Police Department assignment as the lead instructor for the Vehicle Emergency Operations Course.**



# Special Thanks to the VNVDV Color Guard for the Fourth of July Parade

I love August for many reasons. First, it is a vacation month for many – usually making it a quiet month, the work load at least for the President & the Board of Directors is light. One of the highlights each year personally is Jerry and I go on **our annual pilgrimage to the “King Pacific Lodge” in British Columbia, Canada... in search of that very special “Bucket List” Salmon. This just happens to be the same very exclusive fishing lodge donating a once in a lifetime opportunity to the VNVDV to assist in fundraising to support our non-profit / charitable programs & projects conducted for Veterans. To find out more about how you can make a donation to support our worthy programs in 2018 please see our VNVDV Treasurer during our monthly dinner meetings on the first Thursday of each month at Crow Canyon Country Club.**

But before I go fishing next Thursday there is the Aug. 10th Hot Summer Nights Danville Car Show which is fun for all. Besides all the Hot Rods there will be military vehicles in front the Vet Building along with a hot rod you might recognize! Also, **don't forget to get a Great hot dog or sausage and drink at the Vet Building hot dog stand. The VFW does a great job on these and trust me when I say they're REALLY GOOD!**

It saddens me to tell you that we lost a Great Patriot - and supporter of our VMB and all our programs... **Navy Veteran, Admiral Russ Gorman. “Russ” passed away suddenly on July 20<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 2 PM at the Vet Bldg. Please attend if you can. His Burial Ceremony will be Monday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1PM at Sacramento Valley Nat. Cemetery in Dixon, Ca. Please try to attend. Be in Peace Russ, we will miss you.

It has been a while since we have had a welcome home event for a returning Veteran. This Saturday - **we have an “Operation Welcome Home”** event in Concord and encourage you to attend. Full details are in the newsletter. These are events enjoyable and supported by all the VSOs and take less than one-hour and show *today's Veterans* how much we honor them. Operation Welcome Home – Concord, Please review all the events listed in this newsletter—many worthwhile programs for all Veterans & family members.

Hope to see you at the dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting and bring another VietNam Vet

**Bill**  
**William “BILL” Green**  
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**Thanks to July Speaker - Nathan Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa County - 10 Douglas Drive, Suite 100, Martinez, CA 94553 925-313-1481 Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us**



Steve Mazaika, Jim Oram and Mike Weber (not shown) receive a plaque from CCC Supervisor Diane Burgis recognizing their work in conjunction with the Vietnam Helicopters Museum for providing assistance to Morgan Territory residents isolated by flooding.



*SAT Morning Social Coffee in Danville every week - Join fellow Veterans each Saturday AM from 8AM until 11AM at the Veterans Memorial Building.*

Join hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskin - Lee Halverson & the Veterans Memorial Building  
*Join Us for a few minutes or an hour - Drop In!*



**This INCOMING News is on-line along with past historical issues. Check them out at: [www.VNV DV.org](http://www.VNV DV.org)**

Last month, 12,000 veterans began shopping at the military exchanges by way of a "beta test." The beta test allowed veterans' to test the new online exchange shopping experience, which will open for millions of honorably discharged veterans on Veterans Day Nov. 11th. **All veterans are being encouraged to confirm veteran eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>.** It might be a multi-step process if the Defense Manpower Data Center lacks information to verify that a veteran served and received an honorable discharge.



# Operation Welcome Home



Dedicated to the Remembrance of 9-11,  
Devoted to the Support of our Troops.  
[www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com](http://www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com)

**Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley**  
thanks and welcomes all returning military  
along with the **Diablo Flag Brigade - Warriors**  
**Watch Riders - Blue Star Moms - & our fellow**  
**VSO support organizations.**

## ***Next Welcome Home Celebration***

**US Army Capt. Dean De Smet**

**When: Saturday - Aug. 5th. 12:00 pm**

**Where: 3621 Wren Ave. Concord, CA**

### Operation Welcome Home!

We will never, ever again let our military heroes be treated like they were when they came home from the Vietnam War, when our Soldiers, Airmen, Seamen and Marines were spat on when they got off the plane



## **HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE AT A WELCOME HOME EVENT?**

**Obtain the location, bring a flag, have a smile and a handshake, keep a sincere thanks for their service In your heart - share all this with the returning service member when you see them.**



**You will feel good...**







# VNVDV Dinner June 2017



*THIS YEARS FUNDRAISER FOR*  
**THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING  
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY**



Is a

*TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT*

on

*MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2017*

*Gianni's*  
**ITALIAN BISTRO**

*Between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM*

**EARLY RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**CALL 925.820.6969 OR VISIT**

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2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

San Ramon, Ca 94583

[www.giannissanramon.com](http://www.giannissanramon.com)

*PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB*



# TAKE THE ROCK

•VETERANS SWIM CHALLENGE•



**October 1st, 2017**

**Swim Alcatraz to San Francisco**

**Free for Active Duty Military and Veterans**

**Training Included - No Experience Necessary!**

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

**Contact Mike Ergo ([Michael.ergo@va.gov](mailto:Michael.ergo@va.gov))**



**WED. - AUG. 9TH 12:30 - 2:30PM**

**Congressman Mark DeSaulnier**

invites you to his

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**VETERANS  
HEALTHCARE  
FAIR**

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in conjunction with the  
City of Concord

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Wednesday AUGUST 9TH  
12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Willow Pass Recreation Center  
2748 E Olivera Road  
Concord, CA 94519

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**RESOURCES FROM:**

V A N O R T H E R N C A L I F O R N I A  
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To RSVP, please email [ca11rsvp@mail.house.gov](mailto:ca11rsvp@mail.house.gov) or contact our  
office at (925) 933-2660.



# VNVDV Member August Birthdays

**Jack Enright Army      Anthony Bettencourt Army**  
**Denver Mills Navy      Ed Meshinsky Army**  
**Phil Butler Navy      Carl Swanson Army**  
**Bob Wright Marine      James Hart Marine**  
**Art Gaskin Army      Mike Martin Navy**

## Welcome to New Members August 2017

**Robert Mitchell - Marine      Steve Risk - Marine**  
**Juan Kelly - Army      John Sullivan - Air Force**

**Get Active in the VNVDV Swim Challenge  
~ Take the Rock yourself ~ Start practicing or  
Vounteer & Support the VNVDV on the beach!**



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# The Fishing Opportunity of a Lifetime!



## KING PACIFIC LODGE TRIP FOR THE 2018 SEASON

An iconic luxury lodge to stay in while you fish...

West Sport fishing King Pacific Lodge is a luxury floating lodge, designed in the spirit of a modern and efficient fishing lodge; where understated elegance meets the wilderness with many quality details and finishing touches catering exclusively to 34 guests. This trip is currently valued at \$9590 CDN/\$7112 USD.

For more information on the lodge go to <http://kingpacificlodge.com/>

Dates will be determined upon availability at King Pacific Lodge. Reservations available after 5 Feb 2018. All-inclusive from Vancouver. Gratuities not included.



VIET NAM VETERANS  
OF DIABLO VALLEY



**Major VNVDV  
Fundraiser!**

**Trip for 2 for a  
4 day/3 night stay**

**½ Day guided each day  
5hrs/day. Self-guided  
unlimited hours of  
fishing**

**Luxury rooms feature a  
soaker tub with  
panoramic window  
views!**

**Roundtrip transportation  
from Vancouver, Canada  
South Terminal to Lodge**

**\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY**

Maximum 300 tickets to be sold

Contact  
Bill Green 925.683.3293  
or  
Jerry Yahiro 925.683.2541  
for tickets

Winner will be drawn 2/4/2018  
at the VNVDV Crab Feed

Winner need not be present to win

***Your "donation" will support VNVDV projects & programs  
benefiting Veterans & those proudly serving our nation.***



# Hot Summer Nights Free Car Show

Features unique Military Vehicles at  
Veterans Memorials Building in Danville  
Custom Cars & Hot Rods from 3PM - 9PM



**All members are part of our VNVDV Membership Team!**



**Share with other Veterans  
the enjoyment of being a  
member of the Viet Nam Vet-  
erans of Diablo Valley**

**Member Dinner Information  
Cards are available for your  
use. This "business card"  
format allows each Member  
to share information about  
the VNVDV dinner & our Vet-  
erans Memorial Building in  
Danville - Social coffee on**

Jim Murphy has been elected as our Membership Director for the VNVDV.

Joe Callaway promises to stay active in membership recruiting.

He enjoys talking to new members & seeking out other Vietnam Vets

If you know other Vietnam Vets - let them know  
about the 50th Anniversary & the Commemoration Pin.

Use the new Membership Dinner Cards & invite  
other Vets to our dinners.

## **FASTSIGNS**

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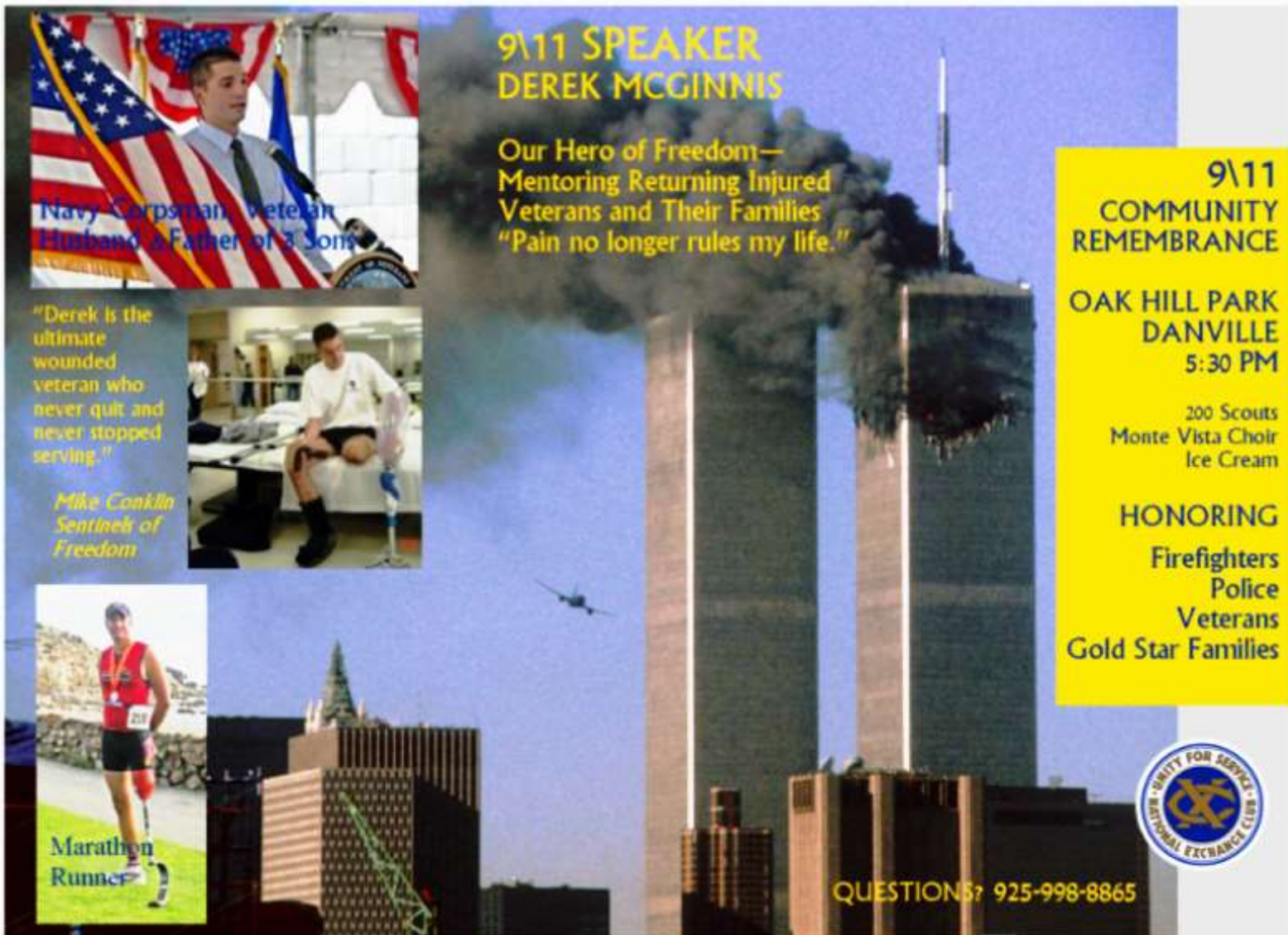
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# Exchange Club Sponsors 9/11 Remembrance



**9/11 SPEAKER  
DEREK MCGINNIS**

Our Hero of Freedom—  
Mentoring Returning Injured  
Veterans and Their Families  
"Pain no longer rules my life."

Navy Corpsman, Veteran  
Husband & Father of 3 Sons

"Derek is the  
ultimate  
wounded  
veteran who  
never quit and  
never stopped  
serving."

Mike Conklin  
Sentinel of  
Freedom

Marathon  
Runner

**9/11  
COMMUNITY  
REMEMBRANCE**


**OAK HILL PARK  
DANVILLE  
5:30 PM**

200 Scouts  
Monte Vista Choir  
Ice Cream

**HONORING**

Firefighters  
Police  
Veterans  
Gold Star Families

QUESTIONS? 925-998-8865



## Oak Hill Park - Site of the All Wars Memorial Danville - Monday - Sept. 11th - 5:30 PM

### Celebration of Life

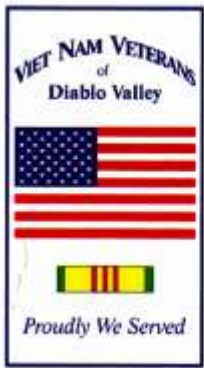
## RADM Russell W. Gorman, USNR (Ret)

**Sunday - August 6, 2017 at 2:00 PM**  
**Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley (VMB/SRV)**  
**400 Hartz Avenue - Danville, CA**

**Internment - Monday - August 7, 2017 at 1:00 PM - Sacramento Valley  
Cemetery - 5810 Midway Road - Dixon, CA**



**Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact "T.J." for all your requirements.**



**John T.J. Trujillo**  
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**VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the**

**Wheelchair Foundation**



"Serving the World"

**Looking for a great gift - donate a wheelchair in their honor... for someone who has everything!**

**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**



**The VNVDV is considering another Wheelchair distribution trip to Vietnam. If you are interested - advise the President.**

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

**VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP...  
Special 50th Commemoration  
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 15 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)*

*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)**



NEWS FROM OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS - **MISSOURI'S NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL IS CONSTRUCTING A FULL-SIZED, BLACK GRANITE VIETNAM WALL AND THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL FLAG ESCORT**

# WALL 2 WALL

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## MOTORCYCLE FLAG ESCORT

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ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2017, AMERICAN AND POW/ MIA FLAGS FLOWN OVER THE VIETNAM WALL IN DC WILL BE LOWERED AND THEN TRANSPORTED NEARLY 800 MILES ON THE BACK OF A MOTORCYCLE TO BE RAISED OVER THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF ANOTHER FULL-SIZED, BLACK GRANITE VIETNAM WALL LOCATED IN PERRYVILLE, MO.

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EPIC RIDE VISIT  
[AMERICASWALL.COM](http://AMERICASWALL.COM)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MO AMERICAN  
LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR/ESCORT COORDINATOR,  
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MISSOURI'S NATIONAL  
**VETERANS MEMORIAL**  
AMERICA'S VIETNAM WALL

### FLAG ESCORT SCHEDULE

RISE MEETINGS EACH MORNING AT 8:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME. KICK STANDS UP AT 9:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH - WASHINGTON D.C., 10 A.M. - FLAG EXCHANGE AT THE VIETNAM WALL MEMORIAL

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH - ESCORT FLAG TO STRASBOURG, VA - 95 MILES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13TH - ESCORT FLAG FROM STRASBOURG, VA TO CHARLESTON, WV - 295 MILES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14TH - ESCORT FLAG FROM CHARLESTON, WV TO EVANSVILLE, IN - 365 MILES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15TH - ESCORT FLAG FROM EVANSVILLE, IN TO ARNOLD, MO - 215 MILES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16TH, 8:30 A.M. - KICKSTANDS UP, ESCORT FLAG FROM ARNOLD, MO TO PERRYVILLE, MO - 40 MILES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16TH - ARRIVE IN PERRYVILLE, MO AT APPROXIMATELY 10 A.M. - FLAG CEREMONY AT 11 A.M.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 573.605.1305



# JOIN VETERANS' VOICES

## *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.



**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.***

**WATCH every month and 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" highlight Veteran programs & events at the end of the 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 provides information on all Veteran Events in the East Bay**



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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***

*Membership Recruiter*

***Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley***



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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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**





Department of  
Veterans Affairs



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
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Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line  
866-600-8279  
Martinez, CA. 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

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

**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:**

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**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  
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**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 - JOIN US!**

**VIET NAM VETERANS**  
**of**  
**Diablo Valley**

**MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS**

**1st THURSDAY of each Month**

at **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB** in Danville, CA

Social Hour at 1700 - Dinner at 1815 - Guest Speaker - **Join Us!**

Featuring **"Chef's Special Buffet Dinner" - \$25. RSVP NOT Required!**

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