

INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV 2017 Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala & Annual "TOY DRIVE" - DEC. 7th... Celebrating 26 Years of Service!

Remember to bring your GIFT CARD to dinner for our TOY DRIVE

DEC 2017



Bill Green
VNVDV
President
2017



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our members - fellow veterans - supporters - Blue Star Moms & patriots...

First, **Thank you** for all your support during a very busy month of November. Veterans Day was a success with events to attend most every day and we appreciate all the volunteer hours by our members & other veterans. The Veterans Memorial Building Open House displays both inside & outside were amazing & we hope you enjoyed!

Hope you all had a Great Thanksgiving and now, we are working on December. Our **Christmas Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala** is Thursday the 7th and I hope you have your reservations made because we are *almost filled*. As of today we have 141 reservations. This is our awards dinner where we acknowledge some of our own and people in the community, who have stood out in helping not just us, but the whole veteran community.

We have the **Volunteer of the Year, Veteran of the Year**, and our most prestigious award The **Gary Villalba Annual "DEDICATED/ DISTINGUISHED VETERAN SERVICE AWARD"**. Gary served the veteran community for over 25 years, giving his dedication, professionalism and highest quality of service to every veteran that he met. We are now extremely fortunate that he recruited & hired wisely, then mentored – taught and passed down these high standards, qualities and traits to the other team members in his office of highly skilled professionals. Today, they continue to serve all of us, and many other veterans and their families in our community. I am sure that if it wasn't for Gary, a lot of us would not be here today. *I know because I'm one of them.*

Holiday Dinner Dec 7th
\$45 per Dinner

REMEMBER
to Bring a NEW - Un-
wrapped TOY or a GIFT
CARD for the VNVDV Annual
"TOY DRIVE" \$20-25

ARMY / NAVY GAME -
VMB DEC 9TH - 11:30
HOSTED BY THE VMB OPERATING
COMMITTEE
Bring your favorite snacks

VNVDV Crab Feed
"Donations Needed"
Sunday - Feb. 4th
Get your Crab Feed Tickets
Now - \$45

Pearl Harbor Day
Thur. - Dec. 7th

Beacon Lighting Ceremony
Lighting the Eye of Diablo
Dec. 7th at 3:45 PM

The remembrance on Dec. 7th will be held in the Oak Room of the Library Building at the California State - East Bay Concord Campus 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road Concord, CA

GARY VILLALBA
Former Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer

Is attending the VNVDV

DEC 7th Holiday Dinner GALA

Be sure to Greet Him!

Operation Santa Claus Toy Drive prefers Toy-R-US GIFT CARDS to support VNVDV's donation

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

There will be many other surprises at this annual dinner gala as usual - so I hope you don't miss it. This is a great night to bring your spouse out for a very nice sit-down dinner at the country club with the holiday music and recognition.

A reminder this is the evening we have our annual "TOY DRIVE" and request all members and guests to bring a "New - Un-Wrapped Toy" as a donation for a military family. However this year to make it easier on members (I was told many do not frequent toy stores on a regular basis) you are encouraged to bring a "Gift Card" for our Toy Drive that will be turned-in to an age appropriate toy/gift for youth attending this year's "Operation Santa Claus". This will actually help us obtain the toys & gifts needed for the teens attending since we rarely get items that fill this age group.

At the Gala - the *jolly old elf* will again MC the dinner this year. As always, we will have the beautiful holiday music from the San Ramon Valley High School Choir entertaining us with Christmas songs. **This is a VNVDV tradition that goes back over 20 years.** Remember - this special evening is more than just a dinner... so please do not rush off - stay and hear about the recognition & appreciation for those who continue to go above & beyond in our community supporting Veterans.

Special note: If you are unable to attend this year's dinner gala - you can drop-off your Toys or Gift Cards at Crow Canyon Country Club in VNVDV *glass gift card container* between **4:30PM & 8PM on Thur. - Dec 7th**

This weekend following our Gala will be "Operation Santa Claus" when *Andeavor* - Santa and all the Elves will bring a special Christmas to the children of 100 active duty military selected by the command and special veteran families, providing the kids a Christmas Party they will remember - and what a PARTY they will have!

For all you Veterans - don't forget about the **Army / Navy game** at the Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday - Dec. 9th hosted by the VMB Operating Committee & the VFW. Details in this newsletter. **Blackhawk Chorus** winter season begins Friday - Dec. 8th - see newsletter.

On the 16th Roxanne Lindsay will be having the **Wreaths Across America** ceremony at the **Alamo cemetery**, please try to join us.

Oh, I almost forgot, on the first Tuesday in December the Town of Danville has a *Change of Command* and we get a new mayor. Renee Morgan's term as mayor is up and what a GREAT job she has done, but we are not losing her (Thank God) she'll still be on the Town council. Replacing her is non other than Newell Arnerich. Congratulations Mayor Arnerich.

I'll see you at our dinner gala...

Bill
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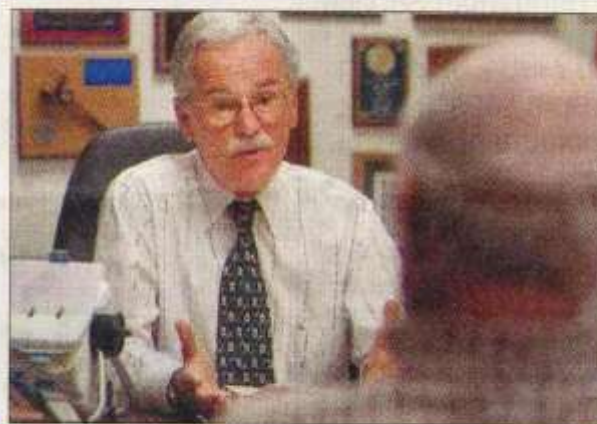


December is our Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner

The VNVDV Thanks all VSOs!

Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award to be Presented at Holiday Dinner + Veteran & Volunteer of the Year

GARY VILLALBA Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer



GARY VILLALBA has been helping veterans for over two decades, and will be retiring as a Contra Costa County Veteran Services officer. Here he talks with a client (left) in his Martinez office on Jan. 2.

DAN HONDA — MediaNews staff photos

1988 - 2008 in Contra Costa County . . . **Over Twenty Years - Proudly Serving Our Nation's Veterans**

Gary Villalba is a legend in the California Veteran Community... serving Veterans **over twenty years** in **Contra Costa County** as our Veterans Service Officer & Director for both Martinez & Richmond Offices aiding **thousands** of veterans & their family members. Back in 2008, the VNVDV Board of Directors voted **unanimously** to establish a "**perpetual recognition award**" in the name of **GARY VILLALBA** Honoring his years of service & dedication to all veterans. **This is the highest award the VNVDV bestows annually... in Gary's honor.** It's bestowed upon an individual who exhibits the character & **great dedication to serving veterans** as Gary demonstrated & provided in our community for his entire career. **Gary will be joining us again to present our highest award at our 2017 Gala to another very dedicated individual. Their name will be added to the VSO plaque**

Veterans — Thank You for Serving



The 119th annual
Army/Navy Game

December 9, 2017

Doors open 11:30

Game starts at noon

Come join your fellow Veterans upstairs

In Your

Veterans Memorial Building

Veterans Event Room, 2nd floor

For hot dogs, chili, nachos

Camaraderie and The Game

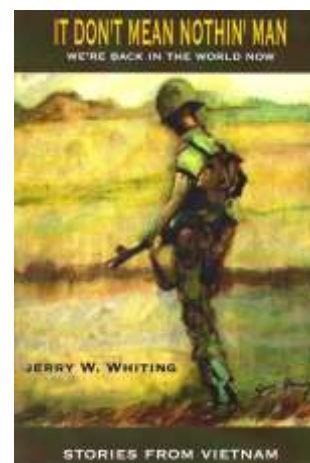
Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee - **Bring your favorite snacks to share**



VNVDV Dinner November 2017



Remember to get your personal copy of
JERRY WHITING's
new book about VNVDV
"It don't Mean Nothin' Man
We're back in the world now"



The Season in Song

By the Award-winning

BLACKHAWK Chorus

Under the direction of



Diane Gilfether

Three Exciting Performances

FRI | DEC 8 | 8 PM

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Dublin

SUN | DEC 10 | 5 PM

Blackhawk Country Club
Danville

SAT | DEC 16 | 4 PM

Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
San Ramon

For ticket information
visit **BlackhawkChorus.com**

Bill Green speaks at the "Third Thursday of the Month"

WWII Veteran Lunch group.



PRESIDENT BILL GREEN WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THIS LUNCH



SAT Morning Veterans Social Coffee in Danville every week - Join fellow Veterans each Saturday 9AM until 12PM at Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley Join hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskins - Lee Halverson in the Lounge at our Veterans Memorial Building Join Us for a few minutes or an hour - Just Drop In - Say Hi!



INCOMING
This **INCOMING** News is on-line along with past historical issues. Check them out at: www.VNVDV.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.

A reminder - absolutely NO politics or political comments at our dinner tables or meeting. We are a non-profit service organization & do not want to violate our by-laws or jeopardize our state & federal status.

VNVDV Member *December* Birthdays

Harry Stonelake	Navy	Chelle Clements	Army
Floyd Cox	Army	Mike McDaniel	USMC
David Koury	Navy	Harold Booth	Army
Gene Cota	Air Force	Ron Lowe	Army
Cliff DeCuir	Army	Bill LaVigne	Army
Patrick Pralle	Navy	James Taylor	Army

New Members

Michael Hampton - Navy

Gary Slattengren - Navy

**Thanks to November Speaker,
Jim Bell for his presentation
honoring Veterans as part of
Veteran Day Celebrations.**



Thank you to all our
military personnel for
the sacrifices you have
made for our freedom.



J. Rockcliff



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Operation Santa Claus:

Honoring Our Military Men & Women

ANDEAVOR IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THEIR COURAGEOUS SERVICE, FAMILIES AT HOME AND CIVILIAN PURSUITS



ANDEAVOR MARTINEZ REFINERY 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, ANDEAVOR 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 & 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 **Andeavor** in partnership with the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley. The December 2016 event hosted families of 110 active-duty, 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, WAL-MART, TARGET, KOHL'S AND ETC.** are essential for the supply of toys for *Opera-*

tion Santa Claus. These **GIFT CARDS** will be used for the bulk purchase of new toys used in conjunction with the **ANDEAVOR MARTINEZ REFINERY** who generously agreed to continue their support of **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS** for 2017. VNVDV members are asked to participate by bringing **\$20-25 Gift Cards for Toy Stores** to the **Dec 7th 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!** Remaining *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.

VETERANS WRITING WORKSHOP

EVERY THURSDAY at Veterans Memorial Building

FREE for U S Military Veterans ONLY –1PM-2PM

This is a Drop-In Class, no advance notice or reservation required

Facilitator: Dan O’Conner, USAF Veteran - American Legion # 246

When: Every Thursday 1-2 PM, SEP 7 - DEC 14, 2017 at Danville Veterans Memorial Building - in the Library - 400 Hartz Ave

Creative Writing: Write your military story for your grand children or get help with Memoirs, essays, novels, short stories and/or poetry. Program adapted to attendees. Optional-in-class writing exercises may take place according to class interest. Participants are invited to bring writing samples to class for potential group, or instructor, review and comment. Impromptu How-to-lectures are anticipated. Any and all writing projects of any kind are welcome. No prior writing experience is required or expected.

VNVDV Color Guard marched in the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade - 2017 Theme Medics in the Military - VNVDV Member Fred Granados, Combat Medic was honored



Veterans Day Ceremony at San Ramon Valley High School 2016

HONOR OUR VETERANS



Veterans Memorial Building Historical & Educational Military Displays 2017





Each November, on the Tuesday before Veterans Day, the County Supervisors pay special tribute to the men and women who have served in the military. Thanks for the Supervisors' Veterans Day recognition.



ROTARY Club of San Ramon Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon was held on November 9th. Veterans offer their thanks for this special event.



Dedication of Memorial in Honor of CPL Sean K. A. Langevin United States Army Operation Enduring Freedom - Ygnacio Valley High School November 9, 2017 - Recognizing Sean were members of the Western States Chapter 10, 173rd Airborne Brigade



Outstanding Opportunity for Veterans!



Free Vaccines & Exams for Veterans' Pets at the Martinez VA

Weather conditions may cause cancellation

~~Friday, October 13~~ 🐾 ~~Friday, October 27~~
🐾 ~~Friday, November 17~~ 🐾
Friday, December 8 🐾 Friday, December 22

ARF's Mobile Clinic will be on-site to perform wellness exams, give vaccinations, and answer questions about basic pet wellness.

Time: Check-in begins 8:30 am
Check-ins accepted until noon or FULL
First come, first served

Location: 150 Muir Road, Martinez CA 94553

Contact: Gary (925) 370-4790

Cats and dogs only; limit 2 per veteran. Services are provided at no cost to veterans presenting military ID. Dogs must be on-leash and under control at all times. Bring pet's prior vaccination history with you. Cats must be in carriers. Please clean up after your pets.

Wait times may vary; please wear comfortable clothes. Water will be provided for people and pets.

All ARF Services at No Cost.

Join Santa and the
Concord Vet Center Staff at
Our Annual Holiday Party

Where: 1333 Willow Pass Rd,
Suite 106, Concord, CA

When: December 15, 2017
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

enjoy food, music and
Holiday cheer.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their
elves will be handing out toys.



Please RSVP so Santa knows how many toys
to bring: 925-680-4526

Call with number attending & ages



*Help Support
Veterans' Voices*



**Support our Contra Costa County
Veterans Service Office
Watch Veterans' Voices**

Veterans' Voices Staff Volunteers

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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OF DIABLO VALLEY



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Bill Green 925.683.3293
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Wreaths Across America in conjunction with the Blue Star Moms join to lay Christmas wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried in the Alamo Cemetery. December 16th at noon this annual event brings us together to honor those fallen service men and women who gave the ultimate for our freedoms.



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of the INCOMING News*

*Pick-up your copy of both at dinner or
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Register online and get
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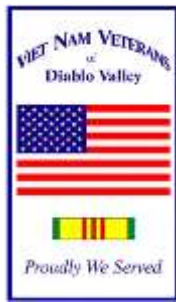
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November 2017

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 15th annual charity fund-raiser and we respectfully request your support for this event. On Sunday, February 4, 2018, 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 2018 *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”, non-profit & tax-exempt, 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 2018 Charity Crab Feed will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events - projects & programs that we conduct and support throughout the year - **including...**

- The East Bay Stand Down
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- **Danville’s 4th of July Parade**
- **Danville Veteran’s Day Program**
- **The VNVDV School Speaker’s Bureau**
- Operation Welcome Home
- **Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor”**
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- Diablo Valley Flag Brigade
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus
- 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 2018 **“Salute to our Troops”** Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, and community programs. *Thank you.*

Sincerely,

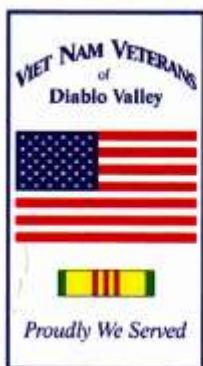
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact "T.J." for all your uniform requirements.



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Contact "T.J." to obtain one of the FIRST EDITION Coffee Mugs that have been prepared for the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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

The Viet Nam Veterans made distribution trips in 2006 & again in 2012 to Viet Nam 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.

Viet Nam 50th Commemoration Honors our Viet Nam 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 05 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**

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

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

VNVDV website to see more about the Viet Nam 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



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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 GUIDELINES for EMERGENCY & URGENT CARE
Going to the Emergency Room - Who Pays?
New Guide for Service-Connected Urgent Care
FLU SHOTS now available at Martinez VA

**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.**

Don't miss CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" on 3rd Monday

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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Contra Costa County

10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
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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
(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785
TCOAK8@gmail.com



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For many Veterans there may come a time when it is necessary for you to go to a hospital. The hospital may be a Department of Veteran Affairs affiliated facility or a local non-affiliated institution. The following guide is an overview of questions you may have.



Questions

What should I do if I need to go to an Emergency Room?

If you suspect you have an emergency medical condition that needs to be addressed, please call the VA telephone Advice Nurse at **1 (800) 382-8387**. The Advice Nurse will be able to direct you to the appropriate resource and document your concerns in your VA Record.

EMERGENCY / URGENT CARE GUIDE For VA S/C VETERANS

Beneficiary Travel
(916) 843-7012

VA Telephone Advice Nurse
1 (800) 382-8387

Community Care Program
1 (707) 562-8430



VA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Emergency/Urgent Care Guide

IMPORTANT NEW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Will I have to pay for my trip to the emergency room?

The question of VA reimbursement has several criteria:

- Was the visit to the Emergency room service connected?
- Any condition, if rated 50% service connection or more.
- Non service connected aggravating a service connected to a service connected condition.
- Any condition of a WWI Veteran.
- Disability discharged from active duty.

VA MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 72 HOURS



The VA sent me to the hospital and now the hospital is billing me. What should I do?

Hospital billing should forward all bills to the VA Northern California Health Care System - Community Care Program at (707) 562-8430/ fax (707) 647-8901 for payment. Please inform the hospital billing department to contact the VA Community Care Program to make sure your other insurance (Medicare, Medi-Cal or private insurance) is not billed. If you do receive a bill, please contact VA Community Care Program immediately to process the claim.



What if I am not service connected? Can I go to an emergency room?

Veterans must meet all of the following criteria:

- Enrolled in VA Healthcare
- Must have been seen at the VA Outpatient clinics or hospital within the last 24 months
- No or some health "coverage"
- No injury sustained by third party
- Disability discharge from active duty
- VA hospital/clinic is not available and must meet the definition of an emergency
- Please file your claim within 90 days

What if I am sent to the hospital by the VA? Will I get an ambulance bill?

Most VA clinics have contracts with local ambulance services. Ambulance reimbursement occurs through BENEFICIARY TRAVEL (BT) (916) 843-7012 throughout Northern California. Some Veterans may still receive a bill from the ambulance service. If you do receive a bill, please contact a (BT) service representative.

I am being discharged home and need home health or equipment what should I do?

Most hospitals have discharge planning. If you are in need of additional services or equipment , the hospital should call Community Care Program at (707) 562-8430 to coordinate discharge plans. All requests must be pre-approved by the VA to avoid additional costs or delays. The VA has 48 hours to consider whether to approve or deny the hospital discharge requests.

THIS NEW VA BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE AT VMB & VA



**Are YOU a
LIFE
MEMBER?**

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

VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

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

Military Service

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

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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Building Museum / Docent | <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Rock: Veteran Swim Challenge |

Please Visit our Website @ 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 Life Membership: \$50 payable to VNVDV

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

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
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VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

in Danville - 400 Hartz Ave. [Open every Wednesday](#) from 10 to 2 for Veterans & family members. Schedule a **“benefit check-up”** - Call our County VSO in Martinez: [925/ 313-1481](#)



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley **"INCOMING"**

DEC 2017



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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**. 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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