



# INCOMING NEWS



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Jan. 2017



# Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Going Fast! Got Yours?



Bill Green -  
VNV DV  
President  
2016 - 17

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of our members & supporters!! It has been my privilege to serve 2016 as the President of this extremely active *Veterans Service Organization* proudly known as the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley. I hope each of you takes a moment to reflect on & take a look back at all the things that you... as an organization, have accomplished. *You should be proud.* The amount of Veterans and Veteran organizations that you have reached out to supported & worked with is a testimony to your love for the Veteran community. Thank you! I am so proud that you have allowed me to be part of **this organization and I'm looking forward to** what more we can do together in 2017.

December was a fun time starting with our Christmas Appreciation Dinner and the support you gave, in toys & gift cards for Operation Santa Claus was outstanding in addition to the entertainment provided the amazing voices from San Ramon High School once again this year. With the support of Sponsors & our Crab Feed we were fortunate enough to be able to recognize & support both Blue Star Moms - Chapter 101, Pat Levy & Blue Star Moms – Chapter 20, Carol Prell. We also showed our appreciation with support for the Concord Vet Center, Director Jeff Jewell; – and our Contra Costa Veterans Service Office, Nathan Johnson.

Members - Supporters & Friends:

We urgently need your personal support to obtain Donations for our "Super Sunday" - FEB. 5th **2017 event! Final Countdown...** Help us Obtain Needed Donations

All Donations go to Jim Murphy - bring to meeting & for Tickets contact **Treasurer Mike "Slatts" Slatengren @ 925 / 837-6238**

Ideas & Donation Letter for Merchants provided in this edition of the *Incoming*

### January Speaker



**Steve Burchik will discuss his collection of photographs that are presented in a new book "Focus on Vietnam" a pictorial history. This new release is a follow up of Steve's initial book "Compass and a Camera" which chronicled his experience with the First Infantry Division.**

The JAN INCOMING

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers & Directors

Featured in this edition:

- 2017 Crab Feed Tickets on sale NOW! Get yours at Jan dinner
- DEC Holiday Dinner Award & Appreciation Photo Update
- Crab Feed Donation Letter - Receipt - Flyer & Idea List in this edition to copy & use!
- Donations urgently needed for Silent Auction & Super Raffle - Please help & do your part! Thanks.

**This Newsletter is also On-Line at: [www.VNV DV.org](http://www.VNV DV.org)**

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

At his dinner, In addition to showing our appreciation by supporting organizations who help & benefit Veterans & those serving - we **recognized** Veterans who continued to give back to fellow Veterans & our community... we honored not one but 3 **Volunteers of the Year** awards to **Lee Halverson - VMB/SRV - Tim Sammons - VMB Museum & Library & Mike Ergo - Concord Vet Center/Take the Rock Swim Challenge**. All three for the their endless work for veterans activities during the year.

Our **2016 Veteran of the Year** award goes to **John "TJ" Trujillo - VNVDV Board Member / Procurement Director & District Commander of AMVETS & leadership roles in the Warriors Watch Riders & others including the UH-1 Huey traveling display.**

Our highest & most revered award, The **Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award**, presented **personally** by Gary himself. This years recipient was our *Favorite Patriot...* **Sandee Wiedemann**. I can write all day on what a amazing & great person she is, but you already know... and we are blessed to have her supporting all Veterans. **Thank You Sandee!!!**

Then came **Operation Santa Claus**, and almost 100 families and 300+ kids, it was a really Great party! I can't give enough praise to all those that worked so hard on this event and a special thanks to Tesoro & Golden Eagle Refinery for their unbelievable generosity & support which makes the whole day possible. We also had the privilege of supporting the USCG Family Christmas Party in Alameda & the Concord Vet Center's Christmas Party for Veteran families. Oh, I almost forgot that on that same day ARMY BEAT NAVY! We also participated in Operation Welcome Home & then prior to Christmas we had time to support our local *Wreaths Across America* in Alamo.

Now it's time to get behind & help our first 2017 event **Super Sunday Crab Feed** on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. This is our fund raiser for the year and like everything else, it takes a lot of support to make it successful, so *I'm asking for your help*. The money that we make during this event allows us to do amazing things we do during the year. This coming dinner meeting, we will have more information that will help you get auction items for this event. Also review the information in this edition to aid you in asking for donations from local business merchants you frequent, including a receipt for them. **Do please obtain a donation for our silent auction.** I do look forward to seeing you at our Jan. 5th dinner at Crow Canyon Country Club.

**Wishing everyone a very Happy - Healthy & Safe New Year**

**Bill**

**William "BILL" Green**  
**President 2016 - 2017**  
**PH: 925 / 683 - 3293**  
**E: BillGreen@aol.com**



2017 Crab Feed Merchant & Business Donation Request Letter & Donor Receipts available at the JAN. Dinner Meeting & also included in this issue of the INCOMING News. Pick-up or copy & keep request with you to use for soliciting your event merchant donations.

A donation idea list of items to request + 2017 Crab Feed poster for you to copy - use & keep in your car to ask local businesses you frequent in you neighborhood. **It's easy... just ask**

Please remind everyone including supporters of the need to request & obtain donations for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed to be held on Sunday - FEB. 5th!

## **2017 CRAB FEED is a FUNDRAISER**

**Have you got your tickets yet? Crab FEED TICKETS GOING FAST! DON'T BE LEFT OUT... ONLY 160 TICKETS will be sold - all in advance.**

This is the largest VNVDV sponsored fundraiser each year & we need all members & supporters to dig in & participate to make it a success.

**Purchase & Donate tickets for our Military!**

If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event. **Please do your part!**

Donation Request Letter & receipt are in this newsletter edition with poster & idea list. Keep it with you and use them .

PLEASE JOIN THE  
**VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY**

FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL  
**"SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS"**



# CRAB FEED

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING - DANVILLE**

**1 PM DOORS OPEN**

115 PROSPECT (ENTRANCE)

DANVILLE, CA 94526

*ALL YOU CAN EAT DELUXE CRAB DINNER*

**SILENT AUCTION - SUPER RAFFLE - ENTERTAINMENT**

**ALL-DAY APPETIZERS - DESSERTS BY THE BLUE STAR MOMS**

**NO HOST BEVERAGES**

**ADVANCE TICKETS - \$45.**

*ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY*

**MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VNVDV - P. O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA**

**94526 PRIOR TO DEADLINE OF JAN. 16TH**

**EVENT SELLS-OUT ANNUALLY PURCHASE TICKETS NOW**

**INFO: VNVDV TREASURER: 925 / 837 - 6238**

# Operation Welcome Home Sat. 12/3

## LTC Michael Mundel returns from Afghanistan



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



**VNVDV's Highest Recognition the...**  
Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award  
SANDEE WIEDEMANN



Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award  
**VNVDV's** Past Recipients



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award - TIM SAMMONS,  
VMB Museum & Library Curator & Vet Day Weekend Displays



VETERAN of the YEAR Award - T. J. TRUJILLO, VNVDV  
Board Member, AMVETS District Commander & WWR



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award - LEE HALVERSON,  
VMB Daily Operations & all VMB VSOs



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award - MIKE ERGO,  
Concord Vet Center & 2016 Take the Rock Swim Coordinator

**Additional Appreciation & Recognition by the VNVDV went to:**  
**Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Blue Star Moms - Chapter 20 and 101**  
**Concord Vet Center - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - AMVETS Huey Display -**  
**Warriors Watch Riders - all other VMB/SRV Veteran Service Organizations**

**OVER 150 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2016 APPRECIATION DINNER & ENJOYED A GREAT DINNER & GALA EVENING**



# SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VSO FUNDRAISERS

PLEASE JOIN THE  
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## Crab Feed Banquet

Annual Fundraising Event  
 Saturday January 21, 2017

VFW



Post 75

www.vfwpost75.org (925) 362-9806

Doors Open 5:30pm  
 No-Host Beer & Wine Bar  
 Dinner Begins 6:30pm

Raffle Prizes and Silent  
 Auction Items

Veterans  
 Memorial Building  
 400 Hartz Ave.  
 Danville, California



\$45 per person

Menu  
 Dungeness Crab  
 Italian Pasta  
 Fresh Salad  
 Baguette Bread  
 Gourmet Cupcakes

Order online at: <http://vfw75crabfeed.brownpapertickets.com>  
 -OR-

Mail/Return this portion with your check no later than Tuesday, January 13th  
 Mail reservation form to: VFW Post 75, P.O. BOX 1092, Danville, CA 94526

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

All names in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Benefit Fundraiser for VFW Post 75



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 246 CRAB FEED DINNER & FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2017, 5:00 PM**  
**\$45 PER PERSON**

**DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE, SILENT LIVE AUCTION**

**NEW! USE YOUR CREDIT CARD TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS AND  
 PAY FOR AUCTION ITEMS!**

**DONORS INCLUDE:**

Oakland Zoo, USS Hornet Museum, Safeway, Lamardi's, Los Positas Golf,  
 Diablo Hills Golf, San Jose Sharks, San Francisco Giants, Blackhawk  
 Museum, Bridges, Patti's, Pizza Antica, Black Angus Steakhouse, The Brass  
 Door, Cheesecake Factory, Locanda Ravalli, Blue Line Pizza, Country  
 Waffles, Clementine's, Danville Brewing Company, Home Depot, Ace  
 Hardware, Patrick James Clothiers, Grand Sierra Resort, Sugar Bowl,  
 Charles R Vineyards, Peja Winery, Danville Police Dept

**DINNER OF CRAB, PASTA, CAESAR SALAD, & DESSERT**

Get your tickets (\$45) from Bob Sada, 925-820-4882 or  
 Leave a message at 277-7775  
 Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 133, Danville, CA 94526

Post 246 supports Boys & Girls State, High School Oratorical Contest,  
 Boy/Cub Scouts, CCC Veterans Service Office, VA Clinic Martines, East Bay  
 Standdown, Blue Star Moms, Wreaths Across America, and many others

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 942 ANNUAL CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2017

**\$45 per Person**

(\$50 after February 10th)

at \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tossed Salad, Fresh Cracked Crab, Pasta, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Coffee

Door Prizes, Silent Auctions, and Raffle Prizes

(FOR INFORMATION CALL: Marylou 932-0471)

**ALL SEATS RESERVED**

Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received

Make checks payable to: MCL Detachment 942, MCL and mail to

Marylou Tassinari, 1441 Springbrook Rd., Walnut Creek, 94597

**ALL PAID TICKETS WILL BE AT THE DOOR**

Cut or tear and send with payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please List all names of all guests: \_\_\_\_\_

List other attendees that you would like to sit near? \_\_\_\_\_

**Lookin for a Crab Feed... Support our Veterans!**

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**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)*

*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)**

# VNVDV Member *January* Birthdays

Ron Allen	Marine	Bill Kiper	Navy
Alan Perry	Navy	Arthur Gaoiran	Army
Joseph Roberts	Army	Ray La Rochelle	Navy
Bill Hawkins	Army	Rich Lee	Army
Jerry Carlson	Army	Gerald Raver	Army
Tom Crews	Navy	Carey Battersby	Army

## NEW MEMBERS DECEMBER 2016

Randy Parent	Army	Alex Seddio	Marine
Joe Roberts	Army	Jim Hardy	Army



## Docent Recognition December 2016

Veterans Memorial Building Operating Committee are always looking for volunteers to join as VMB Museum & Library Docents.

*Please consider offering a few hours a month to help this valuable team of volunteers that brings life to the VMB's free tours of our Library & Museum.*

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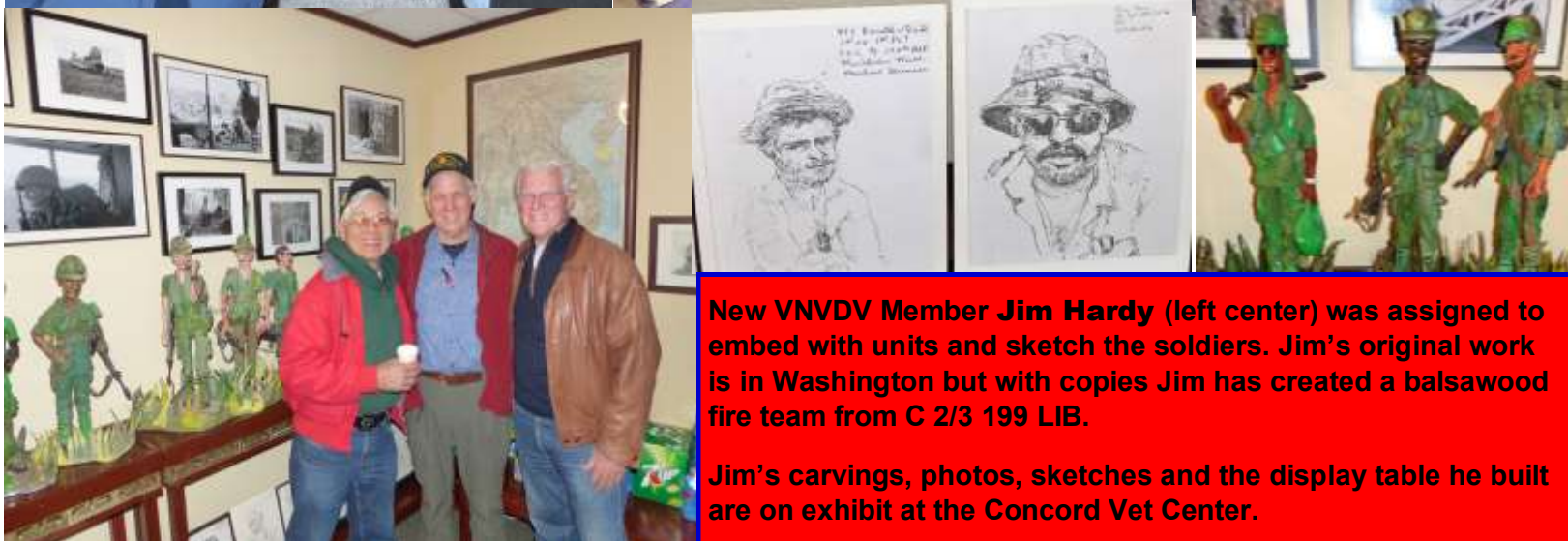
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# ***VNVDV Supported the Concord Vet Center Staff & their Annual Holiday Party for Veteran Families***





# Crabfeed Fundraiser

## January 7th

Join us for the lively fundraising raffle and

# Crab Feed

in benefit of

*The Sentinels of Freedom*



Sat. January 7, 2017  
5:00 PM - 11:30 PM PST

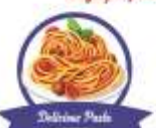
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1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549



*Enjoy a premium menu:*



Mouthwatering marinated fresh crab or savor our traditional plain fresh crab.



Deliver our homemade pasta with rich marinara sauce and 7 Layer Salad.



Deliciously fresh baked bread from the famous Scribblecks.



Wine is on the house. You may BYOB with a corkage fee. Enjoy on it for dessert!

### Ticket Donations

Children Under 6 Free

General Admission \$60

Children up to 12 \$20

3-5pm: Event Set up	Call	925-706-1774 & 510-919-1074
5-7pm: Friendship Hour & Live Music	Email	ryanc@pventgroup.com
7-9pm: Dinner, Raffle & Music	Visit	www.pventgroup.com

Dinner will be followed by a raffle and dancing 'til 12am



*Crabs are coming, are you?*

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA**



### Schedule of Events

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Friendship Hour and Live Music**

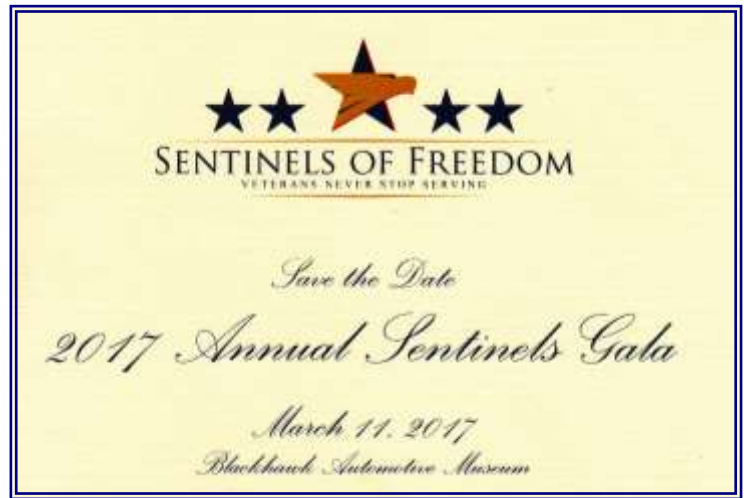
**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner**

**9:00 pm - 12:00 am Dancing and Libations**

*All funds go to support local SENTINELS of FREEDOM for our seriously wounded Vets.*



# Save the Date



## SAT - MAR. 11TH

JIM MURPHY Donation Coordinator for our Annual 2017 "Super Sunday" Crab Feed needs your support. Flyers & Donation Letter & Receipt included in this edition of the news.

*Crab Feed Donor Letters & Receipts available at our Jan. Dinner Meetings & also included in this JAN edition of the INCOMING News*

*Pick-up your copies at dinner or copy the letters enclosed in this edition & keep copies in your car with list.*

**Please remind businesses & supporters of the need to request donations NOW for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed to be held on Sunday - FEB. 5th!**

**If EVERY MEMBER - Supporter would obtain just ONE donated item from a local merchant we would have enough donated items for a very successful silent auction.**

**Do Your part & obtain a donation**

**Please distribute the Donation Request Letters to your local merchants.**

**Wreaths Across America** in conjunction with the San Ramon Valley Republican Women Federated and Community join to lay Christmas wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried in Alamo Cemetery. This is an annual event bringing us together to honor those fallen service men and women who gave the ultimate for our freedoms. ***Proudly served & continue to serve proudly.***

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley supported & participated in Alamo Cemetery "WAA"



Photos by Jon Robbins - Editor

# 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.

**To sign up, use your computer to search for "Veterans Voices Contra Costa". Open the home page and click the link at the bottom of the page that says: "Click here to Sign Up"**



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

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

**WATCH VETERANS' VOICES on CCTV Every Month on the 3rd Monday**

***Veterans' Voices - our VSO TV Show Airs Live Every 3rd Monday at 7PM.***

**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**

**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!*

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



Dear VietNam Veterans

The **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** is a Commemoration Partner with the Department of Defense's 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The VNVDV Board of Directors, as partners in this national recognition program, wants to honor the service of our Members who served in Vietnam during the war in a special way. **VNVDV Lifetime Membership is only \$50** to recognize the Commemoration of 50 years and honor the service and sacrifice of all those who proudly wore our nation's uniforms in VietNam. This special tribute is also to celebrate and commemorate VNVDV's 25th Anniversary of service our organization has provided Veterans and our community since establishment in 1991.

***I encourage all of our VietNam Veterans to take part in this recognition tribute and become a Lifetime Member.***

WE, as individuals, have come a long way since Vietnam and the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley - as a non-profit, grass-root, and all volunteer organization has been extremely helpful to our fellow Veterans, the local military and continues to do a great job in working with our community to enhance their impression and commitment to support Veterans. We are ***EXTREMELY proud*** of our organization, its achievements, its service to others, and how it has bonded so many great friendships.

***Thank you for your service.***

***Joe Callaway***

***Director of Membership***

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

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

# VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## 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**

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*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**

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

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January 2017

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 13<sup>th</sup> annual charity fund-raiser and we respectfully request your support for this event. On Sunday, February 5, 2016, we will hold our annual “*Salute to our Troops*” Super Sunday Charity Crab Feed, proudly honoring all those who served. This fundraiser will be at the Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue in the Town of Danville, CA.

We look forward to your business support for this event with donated merchandise/certificates or gift cards promoting your business / services, or ticket sponsorship for military service personnel. Your donation will be used in our Silent Auction or Raffle held during the 2016 *Charity Crab Feed* event, to raise necessary funds to continue our non-profit organization’s projects & programs in our local community.

The VNVDV are an independent, “grass-roots”, 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 2017 *Charity Crab Feed* will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events - projects & programs that we conduct and support throughout the year - including...

- East Bay Stand Down – *Homeless Vet Program*
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – *Flag Distribution*
- Danville Veteran’s Day Program
- The VNVDV School Speaker’s Bureau
- Operation Welcome Home – *Returning Veterans*
- Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor”
- The Blue Star Moms -
- The Sentinels of Freedom Foundation
- Diablo Valley Flag Brigade
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus – *Military Family Support*
- Veteran Swim Challenge – “Take the Rock”

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our organization - visit our website at [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com) – or contact us below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2017 “*Salute to our Troops*” *Charity Crab Feed* and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs. *Thank you again.*

Sincerely,

William “*Bill*” Green  
President 2016  
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley  
Telephone: 925 / 683 - 3293  
E-mail: [BillGreen@aol.com](mailto:BillGreen@aol.com)

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## **DONATION IDEAS**

Sample IDEA list of "donation items" which would greatly assist our VNVDV fundraising event:

- *Gift Certificates / Gift Cards (various values)*
- *Large Bottles or Unique – Special Wine or Liquors*
- *Merchandise and/or Gift Items for our "silent auction" & "Super Raffle"*
- *Cases of Wine – for "silent auction"*
- *Gift Baskets from Professional / Service Businesses & Companies*
- *Military Memorabilia – any Branch or Era (very popular)*
- *Restaurant Dinners or Brunch for Two - Four at area dining*
- *Golf Foursomes with Cart at any golf course*
- *Limo Services or Tours - or other Professional Services*
- *Wine Tasting & Special Tour of Winery s for a group*
- *Sports Memorabilia – Signed / Autographed*
- *Tickets to Music / Art / Play or Pro Sporting or other Special Events*
- *Lodging / Hotel Nights — Private Club or Resort Weekends with dinner*
- *Travel – Trips - Vacations - Airline Tickets or Mileage Coupon Tickets*
- *Professional Services from Service Industry businesses*
- *Balloon - Airplane or Historic Aircraft Rides*
- *Certificates / Passes for Group Events for 2 – 4 – 6 - 8 or more*
- *VIP or Unique "One-of-a-Kind" Opportunities "YOU CAN'T BUY"*
- *Personal Hosting of a DINNER or Special Event at your Home/Business*
- *MAJOR Event SPONSOR for the Crab Feed's Appetizers – Desserts - Wines – Beers – Beverages*
- *Use your imagination or this list to help merchants & donors to support our only fundraising event*
- *Personalize the VNVDV Donation Request Letter to a business or merchant you personally know. Request specific items/merchandise or gift cards & asked they be mailed to our official address - or pick up in person and hand-deliver the "Donation Receipt" included in this packet of materials..*

**Keep this idea list with donation request letters in your vehicle to use.**



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DONATION RECEIPT

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. The VNVDV is a non-profit organization and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual fund raising event.

Your Donation Details	\$ - Value
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The money raised through our 2017 Charity Crab Feed, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

Coordinating Member  
*Crab Feed Donation Committee 2017*  
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

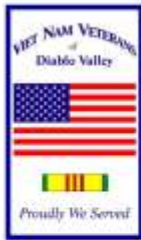
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Established in 1991

**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 2017!*

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