



# INCOMING NEWS



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Register now for the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans  
Thank You to our Crab Feed Generous Sponsors & Supporters  
Memorial Day Oak Hill Park May 29th ~ Danville

Mar. 2017



Bill Green -  
VNV DV  
President  
2017

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members & Supporters –

March is upon us and I've got a lot to talk about. First let's look back at Feb. Our **Super Sunday Crab Feed** was a great success, thanks to **Mike Slattengren** aka: **Slatts** who served as committee chair and pulled the event team together. I can't begin to name everyone who worked their butts off because the newsletter isn't long enough... but the two who are at the top is **Slatts** for his organizational meetings / ticket record keeping & event cashier and **Jim Murphy** for returning to again chair the donation committee for our raffle & silent auction, **HELL OF A JOB!** As for the rest of you, your work made this our most successful annual Crab Feed & Auction to date, and we can't thank all the attendees & sponsors enough!!

Now **sick call**: Some of our hard working members went down this month – first **Jim Murphy** who had emergency surgery last week in San Ramon... and is recovering fine. Get Well Jim so you can take over the cooking from Pat. Next is **John Reese**, who had cardio surgery to have 2 stents put in last week at VA Fort Miley in SF, plus will have to go back and have **2 MORE** to finish the job!! We all are going to have to make sure John changes his diet. Get Well Johnny, we can't run this outfit without YOU!! Bob Moore is recovering from a recent hospitalization for his foot... gets well soon Bob we miss you. To other ill... *get well quick!*

*Honor Your Hero*  
Walk in their Honor  
on Armed Forces Day  
SAT - May 20, 2017  
At the Phillips 66  
WALK of HONOR!  
Carry a Photo Sign of  
your Veteran or Family  
Member to Honor them.  
Sign up early online or  
use the Walk Application  
*in this edition!*

**March Speaker**  
The March VNV DV speaker will be Gerald Raver talking about his experiences as an Army Aviator piloting Cobra AH-1 Attack Helicopters.



The INCOMING

Featured in this edition:

- ◆ 2017 Walk of Honor registration open for May 20th Saturday
- ◆ Feb dinner Photo Update
- ◆ March activities & program event updates.
- ◆ Photos from Crab Feed!
- ◆ 2017 Blackhawk Food, Wine and Film event to support the Danville/Sycamore Valley Community Foundation

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

To all members & supporters... If you know of **any** member/supporter who is ill, suffering or hospitalized for any reason – **please notify me ASAP. We Care!**



Who knows... we may just "show up" in your hospital room — like **Jerry Yahiro - Jon Robbins & your Prez** did paying a surprise visit to "jgr" while he was in the VA Ft. Miley Medical Center Cardio Unit in San Francisco before the first of his heart procedures.

This month of March our Veterans Memorial Building has partnered with "The Museum of San Ramon Valley" featuring a teaser/sampling at the VMB and with an outstanding exhibit at the Railroad Museum. Part of this current exhibit continues at our VMB with speakers series. The **WAR COMES HOME** series features a program at our Veterans Memorial Building on Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. A panel of Veterans including your President, and their spouses will talk about their experience of war, family separation, and worry, coming home, and adjusting to peacetime, from WW II until today. WE strongly encourage all members & supporters to try & attend. Continuing at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley on the 16<sup>th</sup>, of March, our own VNVDV member **Steve Burchik** will share his photographs and memories of being a forward observer in Vietnam from June 1968 to June of 1969. This is another event we should try to attend. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March is the **Sentinels of Freedom Gala** at the **Blackhawk Automotive Museum**. March is also the month that our **VNVDV Speakers Bureau** activity picks up with a full schedule already for April... *full speed ahead.*

Our VNVDV Walk planning team is currently working with **Phillips 66** as we prepare for the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans** – held on "Armed Forces Day" (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in May) the **20<sup>th</sup> of MAY** this year in Crockett. I personally request **ALL** Members & Supporters to "REGISTER" in advance for the **WALK of HONOR**. The **Phillips 66** registration mail-in form is available now online ([www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)) and provide your shirt size & the names of Veterans/Military you are walking in Honor of at the 2017 **Walk of Honor** on Armed Forces Day. On-line electronic registration utilizing a credit card will be available soon. For all those who write checks... **Do It Now... Register!** Even if you cannot attend or walk the bridge – I still request everyone to please register! **Your participation – just through registering** – helps support all of our worthy community service projects & programs we conduct throughout the year. **Please Register Now!**

Hope to see you at our monthly dinner meeting & invite a fellow Vietnam Veteran to our dinner as a guest.

**Bill**

**William "BILL" Green**  
**President 2016 - 2017**  
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# WALK OF HONOR



Crockett Community Services District Veteran Memorial Building Restoration



## WALK of HONOR

for our Veterans Sponsored by

## PHILLIPS 66

**Armed Forces Day Saturday**  
**May 20th**

**Bridge Walk / BBQ & more in Crockett, CA Register Now!**

**Crockett Community Center**  
**650 Pomona - Crockett 8-1PM**



**BBQ**



**Bridge Walk**

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

The Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans features an "Information EXPO" for all registered participants of the 2017 Walk. This year's EXPO will feature non-profit agencies & organizations.

The Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor" generously supports a wide range of projects - programs - activities & events sponsored & hosted by VNVDV during the year. This is only possible with your support





SENTINELS OF FREEDOM  
VETERANS NEVER STOP SERVING



**2017 Annual Sentinels  
Gala will be held on  
March 11, at the  
Blackhawk Automotive  
Museum in Danville  
with the evening's events  
beginning at 6pm.**



This year guest of honor -

**Admiral Paul Zukunft, US Coast Guard.**

**Admiral Paul Zukunft** assumed the duties of the 25th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on May 30, 2014. He leads the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security, composed of 88,000 personnel including active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer Auxiliarists. Prior to this, Admiral Zukunft served as Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, where he was operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions. His senior staff

assignments included Chief of Operations, Coast Guard Pacific Area and Chief of Operations Oversight, Coast Guard Atlantic Area where he directly supervised all major cutter operations in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He also served as Chief of Staff, at the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in Honolulu, Hawaii.



# Two Important Issues for Veterans to Support

## Letters to Support Funding for our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office & 2) Approval for leasing hanger space for our Vietnam Helicopters Museum at Buchanan Field



Support Veterans Voices  
with a letter to CalVet  
Requesting 2017  
Proposition 63 Grant Funding

Write a Letter of Support for our local County VSO **Veterans' Voices** Program: **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.) **Veterans Voices is underwritten by a grant from the California Department of Veterans Affairs & needs support annually to continue.**

Your letter to CALVET might include suggested **'bullet points':**

- ◇ 30 episodes produced & online
- ◇ National Awards, state, and regional awards
- ◇ Currently a finalist for two regional awards
- ◇ National audience beyond CCC
- ◇ Ongoing production collaboration with VA and CDVA.
- ◇ Expanding the program into the CDCR to reach incarcerated Veterans.

Your Letters of Support for the Grant Application should be forwarded to the CalVet Grant Reviewer:

**PHILLIP.LEGGETT@CALVET.CA.GOV**  
CA Department of Veterans Affairs



VIETNAM HELICOPTERS MUSEUM has presented a proposal to the Contra Costa County Airport Division to approve a request to transfer hangar structure & assign the lease from TDMC (current lease) to VHM. The Contra Cost County Airport division has **rejected** the VHM proposal & solicited alternative bids making a preliminary award to another Organization. The CCA action demonstrates a pattern and practice of discrimination against VHM and VHM is filing a claim. **Veterans need to support the Museum.**

VNVDV member support of the VHM request for space at Buchanan Airport **sample letter:**

**Please contact: jonathanrobbins@hotmail.com for e-mail addresses of Government Officials:**

January 24, 2017

Contra Costa County Supervisor  
District 2: Candace Andersen  
309 Diablo Road  
Danville, CA 94526

Reference: **Viet Nam Helicopters Museum Hanger Space Buchanan Field Airport**

Dear Ms. Andersen:

I'm writing to you on behalf of Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley regarding the situation with the Vietnam Helicopters Museum (VHM) and their request to lease hanger space at Buchanan Field Airport. I strongly request your support for a resolution of approval of the much needed leased hanger space to properly preserve and display all of the museum's historic aircraft. The veterans at VNVDV strongly believe that the VHM does immense good for the morale of our veterans. They also provide an invaluable service in educating young people in our community about the sacrifices our veterans have made and the brave men and women who flew helicopters during the Vietnam conflict. Please do whatever is in your power to assist the VHM in realizing their dream of having hanger space at Buchanan from which to operate.

Thank you very much,

Jonathan Robbins  
Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley  
San Ramon, CA

**SAMPLE**



# VNVDV Member *March* Birthdays

|                 |        |             |        |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Frank Wallace   | Marine | John Baker  | Navy   |
| Randy Parent    | Army   | Alex Siddo  | Marine |
| Steve Burchik   | Army   | Bob Paulson | Army   |
| Dennis Peterson |        | Army        |        |

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Rudolph (Rudy) Rodriguez    Navy    USS Hancock



**A Collection of Letters**  
Written by Veterans  
& Their Families

**WAR  
COMES  
HOME**  
THE LEGACY



**Historic  
Photography Exhibit**  
Jan 29 - Apr 9, 2017

**War Comes Home and a Historic Photography Exhibit is presented at the Museum of San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville, CA. Tuesday - Friday 1pm-4pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday noon-3pm.**

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# TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TUESDAYS

## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

FOR PEOPLE WITH LIMITED TO MODERATE INCOME  
IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

- Nervous about doing your taxes?
- Confused by tax forms?
- Want a faster refund?
- Want to know about credits, deductions, the Affordable Care Act, identity theft, etc?

Help is here from  
AARP Tax-Aide!



### WHAT IS TAX-AIDE?

Tax-Aide volunteers provide FREE tax preparation for anyone who needs to file basic income tax forms. Service is offered to people of all ages, with special attention to those aged 50 and older.

### WHEN IS SERVICE AVAILABLE?

Tax counselors are available from  
February 1, 2017 through April 18, 2017.

### HOW DO I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?



Starting in early January, call the appointment number for one of the sites listed on the back.

**AARP** Tax-Aide

AARP membership is not required.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

- **Social Security cards** for yourself, spouse and dependents.
- **Photo ID** for yourself and spouse.
- **Prior year tax return.**
- **2016 income tax documents** received from payers of wages, Social Security, pensions, interest, dividends, IRA distributions and any other income.
- **Broker statements** and cost basis of stocks, bonds or real estate sold in 2016.
- **Evidence of deductions** such as medical/dental expenses, property taxes, vehicle registration, mortgage interest, charitable contributions, etc.
- **Evidence of education expenses.**
- **Evidence of medical insurance coverage.**
- **Social Security numbers** for child care providers and recipients of any alimony or spousal support you paid.
- **Blank check** from your checking account, if you want direct deposit or to set up an electronic payment.

*at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville*



# 2017 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans

## Sponsored by Phillips 66 Refinery & Carbon Plant

*Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation*

The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The 9th Annual "Walk of Honor for our Veterans" will be a short walk **across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and back. Last year's event was a huge success & well attended.**

Over 600 employees, contractors & local residents participated in the celebration, and together we raised \$40,000! **We are working hard to surpass last year's fundraising and attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed!** We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling Armed Forces Day 2017 honoring the men and women who proudly serve today and those who have valiantly served our nation. We are still accepting Sponsors at this time!

Schedule of Events at [2016 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans](#) in Crockett **Sat. May 20, 2017**

8:00AM - 9:30AM – **"Walk" Check-In** / Registration at the Crockett Community Center - 850 Pomona Street - Crockett, CA. Register on-line in advance at: [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com) - \$25. Registration includes **"Walk" Shirt & BBQ Lunch.**

8AM – 1PM - The VA along with many local Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) & other non-profit organizations serving veterans & their families will be on hand providing information regarding their services / programs / projects and benefits available to veterans / family members and those who proudly serve today.

10:00AM - "Walk" begins. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge.

11:45AM - **Luncheon Ceremony. Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a special BBQ luncheon & ceremony, including music and a outstanding raffle.**

100% of all contributions to the Phillips 66 Walk of Honor will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD). The VNVDV is dedicated to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Hall.

**Join us and help support those currently serving & all of our nation's veterans on SAT – May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Armed Forces Day in Crockett at the 2016 Phillips 66 Walk of Honor for our Veterans. ***We'll look for you!***

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# WALK of HONOR - Mail-In Registration Form



Rodeo Refinery and Carbon Plant



Sign up today for the May 20, 2017 event! Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

Check-in 8:30 am - 9:30 am at the Crockett Community Center/ Walk will begin at 10:00 am

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

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

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

## Registration Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address City, State, Zip

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Walking in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterans Name(s)

Early Registration \$25.00, after May 1, 2017 Registration is \$30 (T-shirt and BBQ included)  
 T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL (Please circle one)

Please make checks payable to: SFR Community Fund, (Tax ID#45-2483804). Mail registration form along with check to:  
 Phillips 66, Attn: Aimee Lohr, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572  
 Register online at [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)

*Participation waiver must be filled out completely. Application deadline is May 15, 2017.*

### Participant Waiver

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from any and all liability or claims of injury of whatsoever nature which may be incurred by me as a result of my voluntary participation in the Walk of Honor for our Veterans event sponsored by Phillips 66 on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

I further represent and certify to Phillips 66, its officers, employees, agents and assigns that I am physically able to do the various things enumerated above without limitation, and that I have no disabilities which might prevent me from doing the same.

All banners, flags, or apparel worn or carried in the WALK are subject to the approval of the Walk of Honor Committee. Non-compliance with this policy will subject offenders to eviction from the WALK or banquet and forfeiture of their application fee.

I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participation in this event and has given me permission to participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PARTICIPANT (If not age 18 or older, parent/guardian must co-sign below.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT/GUARDIAN (Undersigned has read the above and understands this waiver.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

For additional information, please contact Aimee Lohr at 510.245.5130 or Paul Adler at 510.245.4400  
 Thank you for your support!

Please "REGISTER" even if you cannot participate - You will be supporting our Veteran Programs.



# The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley Proudly Supports



Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley  
Community Foundation

Presents the 27th Annual

## BLACKHAWK FOOD, WINE & FILM FESTIVAL

Date: Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: The Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, California



Featuring the movie *"Winning"* starring Paul Newman

An Evening of Great Food, Wine & Entertainment!

Featuring the wines of Livermore Valley, local fine restaurants, and great musical entertainment, Silent and Live Auctions

2017 FUND-A-CAUSE will benefit The Down Syndrome Connection  
Helping children and adults who need us the most.

Special Guest, American Idol finalist, **Adam Lasher** performs

*From Danville, California*



Featuring Wineries from the Livermore Valley & the Finest Restaurants

Throughout the San Ramon Valley

Proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley Community Foundation a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization in support of local charitable and non-profit organizations and international service projects.

A Private Event for the Donors of the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley Community Foundation with a minimum annual donation of \$50.00 or more.

Advance Invitations Only. Information at [Newell@ADarch.com](mailto:Newell@ADarch.com) or call 510.366.0716





Thanks to our **February Speaker Susan Hart from Clear Caption** for a very interesting discussion of the latest technology that provides **CLOSED CAPTION** phone service to include installation and operating assistance. The cost of this service is free.



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**



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

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

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







# THANK YOU to "Super Sunday Crab Feed" Guests & Volunteers!





# **SUPER SUNDAY CRAB FEED** Fun... *for Volunteers & Guests*

Thank You to all our Blue Star Moms - Rotary INTERACT from D/V High School - dedicated Supporters & Guests & all Volunteers!





11th Annual  
California  
Gold Star Parents  
Honor and Remembrance



The Blue Star Moms - East Bay Chapter 101 & the Marines Memorial Association Club & Hotel Honored & Remembered the Gold Star Families of California in a two-day Tribute in San Francisco at a Reception & Memorial Program to Honor our California Fallen Heroes. The VNV DV was honored to attend.



The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley thank the Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 & Marines Memorial Association for their dedication & tireless efforts to honor & support our Gold Star Families each year.



**Miguel Mora - Jerry Yahiro**



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|--|---|--|--|
| C. Gonzalez, C. Hughes<br>U.S. Army<br>April 9, 2008                     | Sgt Isaac Palomares<br>U.S. Army<br>May 9, 2008         | C. Col. Larry Anley, Chief<br>U.S. Marine Corps<br>June 14, 2008 | C. Col Jeffrey S. Steinman<br>U.S. Marine Corps<br>July 23, 2008 |
| Private<br>PFC Ana T. Dwyer<br>U.S. Army<br>May 14, 2008                 | PFC David Phelan<br>U.S. Marine Corps<br>June 14, 2008  | C. Col Matthew R. Owen<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008             | PFC Paul E. Cook<br>U.S. Army<br>August 13, 2008                 |
| SFC William E. Adams<br>U.S. Army<br>April 13, 2008                      | SFC Macy A. Swenson<br>U.S. Army<br>April 13, 2008      | SFC Jason M. Eise<br>U.S. Army<br>June 14, 2008                  | C. Col Matthew R. Phillips<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008         |
| Private First Class<br>SFC Joseph A. Paul<br>U.S. Army<br>April 13, 2008 | 1st Lt. Brian A. Ralston<br>U.S. Army<br>April 13, 2008 | C. Col Jason M. Bajer<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008              | PFC Kenneth L. Gould<br>U.S. Army<br>August 13, 2008             |
| C. Col Joseph A. Burkard III<br>U.S. Army<br>April 13, 2008              | Pvt Matthew W. Brown<br>U.S. Army<br>May 12, 2008       | PFC Sean L. Taylor III<br>U.S. Army<br>June 14, 2008             | C. Col Frank A. Baker<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008              |
| Private<br>C. Col Joseph A. Baker<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008          | C. Col Joseph A. Baker<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008    | Sgt David Brown<br>U.S. Army<br>August 13, 2008                  | Private<br>C. Col Joseph A. Baker<br>U.S. Army<br>July 13, 2008  |
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**Rogelio Ramirez**



**Jonathan Vega-Yelner**



**Laura Spencer - Vivienne Yamamoto**



**Armida Martinez**



**Jackie Sigua**



**Kristina and Diana Mihalakis and Miguel Mora**



**Kevin Graves**



# 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***

***Director of Membership***

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

Invite other VietNam Veterans... to join you for dinner on the 1st Thursday of the month!

# VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIET NAM VETERANS  
of  
Diablo Valley



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## 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**





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**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**  
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**Veterans... Are You Utilizing**  
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The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA  
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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

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**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...  
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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**

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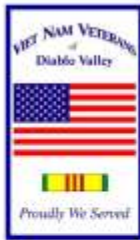
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## OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

# 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*

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