



INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

NOV 2017

Veterans Day November 11th Military Displays at VMB ~ Nov. 10 ~ 12



Bill Green
VNV DV
President
2017



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Veterans Day Ceremony

Honoring all Veterans with a special tribute to Veterans 1975 - present will be held on Nov. 11 at 10:30AM at the San Ramon Valley High School Performing Art Center in Danville

Greetings... October has passed & hope you received more treats than tricks! November is a huge month for Veteran Service Organizations with many events planned all over the East Bay, none more than the Diablo Valley. Start off right... attend our Thur. - Nov. 2nd dinner meeting - it is our annual meeting & election of our 2018 Officers & Directors... and we want to share with you all the great Veteran events coming up.

On Sunday, Nov. 5th - VNV DV is participating in **Pleasanton's Veteran's Day Parade & Ceremony**. Mustering between 10:30AM & 11AM at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton. The parade starts at 1PM. It is difficult to find parking if you arrive much after 11AM. The parade is only 4-5 blocks. If you have questions - contact Jerry Yahiro - event director.

On Tuesday - November 7th at 10:30AM All Veterans & their VSOs are being honored in Martinez by our Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors at their annual **Veteran's Day tribute**. The ceremony will be led by County Veterans Service Officer **Nathan Johnson**. Don't miss this special tribute by our Supervisors. Let's support Nathan & our outstanding Service Office.

Of course, November 10th is Happy Birthday to the **U.S.M.C.**

On Friday - Nov. 10th from 8AM until 9:30AM a Free Pancake Breakfast will be hosted by Assemblywoman Catherine Baker & sponsored by the American Legion Post 246. This is during our set-up & opening of the **Veterans Memorial Building's** three-day **"OPEN HOUSE"** Museum honoring all Veterans. The VMB will still conduct the SAT morning Veteran Social Coffee from 9AM until 12Noon and the Open House Military Museum will be open. All Veterans are welcome.

November 11 - **11AM is Veteran's Day**. The SRV VSOs join together in a combined program honoring all Veterans with a special tribute each year. This year we salute our post 1975 Veterans. Remember to invite family & friends to join in this free, community tribute to all Veterans on Veterans Day at San Ramon High School Performing Arts Center. Doors open 10AM - Music & video at 10:30AM.- Program at 11AM A reception to meet & greet our Veterans follows at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville.

ELECTION of OFFICERS & DIRECTORS in NOV.
Ballot in Newsletter

Reserve your Seats/Entree for Holiday Dinner Dec 7th
Reservations a Must
\$45 per ticket
BRING a GIFT CARD FOR OUR ANNUAL "TOY DRIVE"
\$20-25

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

NOV 2ND SPEAKER
Jim Bell
A member of VNV DV, Jim will present a power point program "Veterans Day Celebration with Education and Patriotism". This Military program will feature explanations with video and is guaranteed to be entertaining. - Join us Nov 2nd



Operation Santa Claus Toy Drive prefers Toy-R-US GIFT CARDS to support VNV DV's large toy donation

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

One of the largest & most exciting **Veteran's Day** events is happening *right here in the Diablo Valley* at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley in Danville. A three-day expanded **"OPEN HOUSE"** featuring educational military exhibition starting on **Friday, Nov. 10** - continuing on **Saturday, Nov. 11** through **Sunday, Nov. 12** - *it's free & open to the public*. This is an outstanding public exhibit designed to allow the community to share history of our local Veterans with their family. The VMB Museum & Library committee is proud to host this special three-day **"OPEN HOUSE"** exhibit that spills over into the streets of Danville & features a *UH-1 Huey helicopter* to climb aboard for photos & a *jet cockpit* from the USS Hornet also to jump in & take a photo! Military vehicles outside & much more inside with docents available for questions. The main auditorium of the VMB will be filled with displays of military memorabilia from all eras & a special exhibit on the Doolittle Raid and in the Philippines the Bataan March - both celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. *If you or your family have any unique or special items worthy of display & sharing in this community exhibit contact: Tim Sammons - Museum Curator ASAP at the VMB. Please share information about this special 3-day VMB exhibit & our NOV 11th Veteran's Day program.*

During the month of November there are many events & offers recognizing all Veterans. The USS Hornet in Alameda is hosting a Job & Career Fair on Nov. 9th aboard the ship. The Walnut Creek ELKS Club is hosting a holiday dinner for all Veterans on Sunday - Nov. 12. *See details - flyer enclosed.*

Veteran's Day also brings many offers of free meals & discounts to Veterans. This changes each year & the best place to track the options is the Internet - search for **Veteran's Day Meals & Discounts**. There are 5-6 websites tracking the changes & the requirements regarding each offer. FYI...Your VA Health Care photo ID card is one of your best Veteran IDs, unless you have the new Veterans status listed on your drivers license.

During the past month we have been planning our annual **"TOY DRIVE"** for Operation Santa Clause event to support military families selected by their local command. All of these programs are only successful with YOUR SUPPORT! We need your Toy & Gift Card donations submitted at our December 7th Holiday Dinner to allow time for sorting & shopping. To keep the Christmas gifts at equal values—we recommend both Toys & Gift Cards for Toys valued at \$25 Please remember to bring your donations to our Christmas Dinner Gala - donation receipts are available if requested. Gift cards provide greatest flexibility.

Remember the VNVDV Christmas Holiday Appreciation Dinner Gala requires Reservations in Advance. Seating for 150 at this dinner. Please make your reservations ASAP at the November dinner or by contacting **"Slatts"** with the number of seats required & your meal choice. This will be another grand event with spouses, friends, & supporters in attendance as we recognize & appreciate all who helped make 2017 another successful year continuing to serve Veterans & our community. Encourage you to review the announcements in this edition of the INCOMING news & attend/participate in the outstanding events.

If you have not purchased & read Jerry Whiting new book released about *VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley* members... I personally encourage you to do so. The title - **"It Don't Mean Nothin' Man" - We're back in the world now.**

A reminder to all - get your *special opportunity tickets* for the fishing **"opportunity of a lifetime"** - a deluxe fishing trip for Two to the King Pacific Lodge. *Valued at \$9000.* See me - Jerry or Slatts for tickets.

I'll see you at the dinner on Thursday & thank you for your support

Bill

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EVENTS NOT TO MISS

NOV. (details in letter)
Mark Your Calendar

Veterans Day Parade
Pleasanton - Sun. Nov 5
Need volunteers for Flags
Contact Jerry Yahiro

Contra Costa Board of Supervisors
Veteran Appreciation
Martinez - Tue - Nov. 7th 11AM
Arrive early for parking

ASSEMBLY MEMBER BAKER'S
Veterans Pancake Breakfast
Friday - Nov 10
Veterans Memorial Building

Veterans Day Observance
San Ramon Valley Joint VSO
Sat. - Nov. 11 - 10:30 am
San Ramon Valley High School

Veterans 3 - Day OPEN HOUSE
Veterans Memorial Building
Danville - Fri/Sat/Sun
See Flyer & Flash News for Details

Veterans Day
FREE MEALS & DEALS for VETS
SAT - NOV. 11
Check website & internet for latest

Elks Thank You Veteran Dinner
Walnut Creek - Sun. Nov 12
Opens 2PM - Dinner 4:30PM
See flyer for details on free

Veterans - Thank You for Serving

December Christmas Holiday

Appreciation & Recognition Dinner

Reservations Required!

VNVDV's largest dinner of the year... Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala - RSVP & Join Us for an outstanding evening + our annual TOY drive

Thursday – DEC. 7th Social 5 / Sit-Down Dinner 6

President Bill Green has been busy attending & planning many events, although few as important as his year-end personal opportunity to host our annual membership & supporter recognition dinner. Once a year, the VNVDV steps back, taking extra time to gather as many members & supporters as possible.... Including our spouses, family, friends & supporters for our annual Christmas Holiday Dinner on the 1st Thursday in December. This is our largest dinner meeting and reservations in advance are a Must for the Country Club. Contact Treasurer "Slatts" & make your reservations to join us this year on Dec. 7th.

Reservations are REQUIRED to enable *Crow Canyon Country Club's* Chef to plan the meal for our gala!. This is our only dinner that NEEDS your RSVP in advance. Please ALL members & guests - confirm the number of guests in your party & the required number of seats & also include your entrée meal selection for each reservation when forwarding your Reservation. All DEC dinner reservations must go to **VNVDV Treasurer Mike "Slatts" Slattengren** at: Slattengren.VNVDV@gmail.com or provide this information at the November dinner when checking in. Meal choice/dinner for each seats requested. Choose from: PRIME RIB / SALMON or VEGGIE for each meal.

Other Veterans Day

Events in the East Bay

John F. Kennedy University Front Line to Home Front program on November 3rd, 2017 from 9am-1pm at their Pleasant Hill Campus, 100 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill. This year's program features Joshua Mantz, Army Major (Ret.), discussing the trauma of war and his own personal experiences with being wounded and recovering physically and emotionally.

Diablo Valley College Veterans Resource Expo: Wednesday, November 8th from 10am-1pm on the Diablo Valley College Pleasant Hill campus; Diablo Room (3rd floor of the HSF Building-above the cafeteria, parking lot 8). The Expo is open to ALL veteran students attending DVC, LMC & CCC, as well all veterans in Contra Costa County who would like an opportunity to talk with local employers, veteran support services and representatives from four-year colleges & universities.

Also at Diablo Valley College on Thursday, November 9th there will be a series of activities including a Veterans Honor Ceremony; Yoga w/ Veterans Yoga Project; and a supply drive for care packages for deployed hosted by Blue Star Moms of Contra Costa.

Chevron and City of Richmond Salute to Veterans Day takes place on Friday, November 10th from 9am to 1pm, and includes speakers, veterans resources and a buffet. The event is open to the public and will be held at the Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond, CA 94804.

City of Concord Veterans Day Ceremony and 5th Annual Veterans Day Invitational Softball Tournament is taking place on Saturday, November 11 at 11am (tournament to follow), at the Willow Pass Softball Fields located on E. Olivera Dr., Concord, CA. The public is encouraged to attend the ceremony and remain to enjoy a day of softball.

Job Fair aboard the USS Hornet— on the Hanger Deck November 9th from 10AM until 2PM with over three dozen organizations present looking to hire Veterans. Visit the USS Hornet website.

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!



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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.

ALL VETERANS...

You are invited to the 3rd Annual

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Catharine B. Baker
AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 246

Friday
11.10.17
8:00AM – 9:30AM

**DANVILLE VETERANS
MEMORIAL BUILDING**
400 HARTZ AVENUE
DANVILLE

VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE INVITED!
PLEASE RSVP TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 925.328.1515.



VMB Museum Committee for Veterans Day Displays Needs Military Items from Younger / Recent Vets! GWOT ~ Gulf War ~ Post 9/11 ~ Iraq ~ Afghanistan

The Veteran's Memorial Building in Partnership with the Town of Danville Presents

VETERANS DAY OPEN HOUSE

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

NOV 10 | NOV 11 | NOV 12

9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. • 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. • 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.



JOIN US FOR THIS 3-DAY OPEN HOUSE
COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DOOLITTLE RAID

Also recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the War
in the Philippines and the Bataan March.

Event includes military memorabilia, archival films, military vehicles, art and displays.
These expanded temporary exhibits in the Main Auditorium honor our nation's
Veterans in conjunction with Veterans Day.

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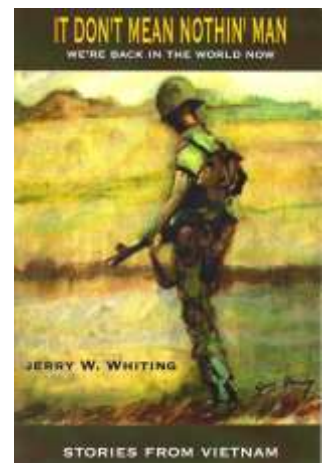
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 | (925) 362-9806
For more information visit vmbsrv.org



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"



VNVDV Member *November Birthdays*

Michael Karl	Navy	Michael McClosky	Air Force
“TJ” Trujillo	Army	Lorrie Sammons	Navy
Tom Holstrom	Navy	Gary Pforr	Army
Steve Mazaika	Army	Donald Parker	Navy
Phil Stage	Army	Slatts Slattengren	Navy
Kasey Warner	Navy	Dave Corozza	Air Force
Steve Shirley	Army	Charles Gibson	Army
Bob Poirier	Navy	Jim Bell	Army
	Tom Eager	Army	

Thanks to October Speaker, Dave Trojan for his presentation on his experience as an aviation archaeologist investigating over 200 sites downed military aircraft.



Memorial site marker
 These things I do...that others may be remembered."
 I believe that it is important to remember the memory and sacrifices of those that have gone before us and paid the ultimate price to win and maintain the freedoms we all enjoy today. If we forget these sacrifices we will never truly appreciate how precious, valuable and costly these freedoms are. We must remember freedom is not free; it is paid for with the sweat from our brows, the tears of our families, and sometimes the blood of our comrades.



This B-18 "Bolo" Bomber crashed Feb 25, 1941.
 The B-18 w/ it aboard was on a routine instrument night training flight. A bearing failure caused the loss of the port engine. All possible fuel and cargo was jettisoned, but the aircraft was too heavy to maintain altitude. The pilot made a last split-second correction prior to the crash. As he later described it, the mountain just loomed up before him in the darkness and he just reacted. He pulled back hard on the wheel and the aircraft stalled out and belly flopped into the thick underbrush.



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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.

VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS APPROACHING Starting with this event & we need Volunteers

Pleasanton 2017 Veterans Day Parade Nov 5th - 1 PM.

Theme: Medics in the Military

**Muster in front of the Veterans Memorial Building (VMB) - 301 Main St. - Pleasanton
Muster at 1130 hrs. (11:30 AM), advise getting there earlier as parking can get bad.**

VNVDV Members Required: 10 - 12 members to carry military service flags & VNVDV banner— in blue pants & VNVDV white polos + hat

Post Parade: Gathering of VNVDV members at a Veteran Day Program at Pleasanton VMB

**Contact: Jerry Yahiro, Director (925)-683-2541
jyahiro@aol.com HE NEEDS 12 VOLUNTEERS
for MILITARY SERVICE COLORS & VNVDV
BANNER for this roughly six block parade.**

Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade 2016



Medal of Honor Recipient Jim Taylor - a Life Member of the VNVDV leads the Pleasanton 2016 Parade as Grand Marshall & speaker at post parade event.

Veteran's Day Tribute - Nov. 7th



Contra Costa Board of Supervisors
Salute to Veterans &

Veteran Service Organizations



On **Tuesday - November 7th at 11:00AM** all Veterans & patriotic community members are encouraged to be in Martinez for our Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors annual Veteran's Day Tribute honoring all Veterans. This special salute is again led by our outstanding County Veterans Service Officer **Nathan Johnson**. Do not miss the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday Nov. 7th - arrive by 10:30AM - parking available. We thank our County Board of Supervisors for their support of our Veterans Service Office & our special appreciation to Service Officer *Nathan Johnson* and his outstanding team for their support of all Veterans & their families. *This year the Supervisors will pay tribute to Veteran Service Organizations.*

You are invited to

Rotary Club of San Ramon's

Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon

Prime Rib Buffet

Thursday, November 9, 2017
12:00 noon

Free for Veterans

RSVP: Rotaryclubofsanramon@gmail.com

by Tuesday, November 7

Speaker TBD

The San Ramon Regional Medical Center
6001 Norris Canyon Road,
South Building, South Conference Room,
San Ramon



hosted by:



SAN RAMON
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Rotary International is a local community and international service club

VETERANS THANK YOU DINNER

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Opens at 2:00 p.m.

Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

All Veterans, Active Duty - Free

(Bring DD214, VA ID, or come in uniform)

Non-Veteran Guests - \$12 prepaid at time of reservation

Please feel free to invite other vets or pass it on.

Reservations are required, so call 925-935-1811.

Let us know who you served with and how many will be coming so we can plan. This will be an open-seating buffet type event, so plan early and get your reservations in, as this will fill up fast (servers will be available for those who need assistance).



**Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811
1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
(925) 935-1811**

We're excited to bring back the Veterans Thank You Dinner, an event made especially for Veterans of all services to come together and share a meal. You will enjoy the food, friendship, and stories. lots and lots of stories.

WALNUT CREEK ELKS LODGE #1811
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VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS APPROACHING

Various Dates ~ Mark Your Calendar

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ~ PLEASANTON

SUN ~ NOV. 5th ~ 1 PM

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Annual VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION

TUES. ~ NOV. 7th ~ 11AM

Supervisor's Chambers ~ Martinez

Assembly Member Catharine Baker Hosts

VETERAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ FRI. NOV 10th

Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley

400 Hartz Avenue in Town of Danville

Joint SRV VSO Veterans's Day Observance

SAT. NOV 11th at 10:30AM

San Ramon Valley High School

Center for Performing Arts

Hartz Ave. at Railroad ~ Town of Danville

VETERAN'S THREE-DAY OPEN HOUSE

Veterans Memorial Building

400 Hartz Ave. ~ Town of Danville

Museum Displays & Exhibits 3-Days

NOV. 10 ~ NOV. 11 ~ NOV. 12

Operation Santa Claus:

Honoring Our Military Men & Women

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



ANDEAVOR GOLDEN EAGLE REFINERY - MARTINEZ

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, Tesoro 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 and 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 Viet Nam 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 GOLDEN EAGLE 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.

Outstanding Opportunity for Veterans!



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

FRIDAY 10/13
CANCELLED DUE
TO POOR
OUTDOOR AIR
QUALITY RELATED
TO THE NORTH
BAY FIRES.

~~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.



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

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



VIET NAM VETERANS
OF DIABLO VALLEY



**Major VNVDV
Fundraiser!**

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

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

**Luxury rooms feature a
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panoramic window
views!**

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

\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY

Maximum 300 tickets to be sold

Contact
Bill Green 925.683.3293
or
Jerry Yahiro 925.683.2541
for tickets

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

Winner need not be present to win

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

Fabulous Fishing Trip and Support the VNVDV

TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY - TRIP FOR TWO - 4 DAY/3 NIGHT STAY

King Pacific Lodge at Millbank Sound is a BC salmon lodge company created as a testament to the friendship of the many anglers and friends George and Lisa Cuthbert have come to know over the past twenty-five years



Invite VietNam Veterans to dinner with our VNVDV Dinner Info Cards!



SHARE these new cards with other Veterans! **BRING** a Viet Nam Veteran to Dinner! Tell them about being a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Information Cards are available for you. This "business card" format allows each Member to share VNVDV information about our dinner meetings & our Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. **Help spread the WORD.**

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- Pastries
- Bagels

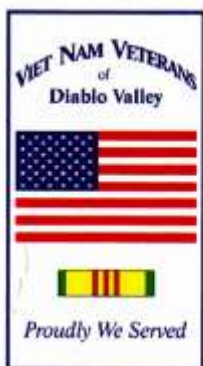
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact "T.J." for all your uniform requirements.



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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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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

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 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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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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Veterans Service Officer
Contra Costa County

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Martinez, CA 94553

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Fax: (925) 313-1490

Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us



Veterans
Services

Because You Chose To Proudly Serve

Oakmont Memorial Park Cemetery in Lafayette is offering major financial assistance to all Veterans and Veteran Spouses on both Traditional and Cremation Property.

Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

Contact: Thomas Corbett, Veteran Liaison Officer, LIC# 44629
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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



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 |
| <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 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

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

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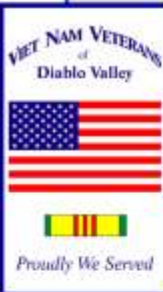
SUN | DEC 10 | 5 PM

Blackhawk Country Club
Danville

SAT | DEC 16 | 4 PM

Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
San Ramon

For ticket information
visit **BlackhawkChorus.com**



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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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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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JANUARY 1, 2018 to DECEMBER 31, 2018

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All VNVDV Ballots should be submitted at Annual Meeting in NOV. or copied from the November issue of the INCOMING News and Completed in Full and Mailed to the organizational address - VNVDV - PO Box 2079 - Danville by the Nov. 16, 2017 deadline.

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ALL BALLOTS MUST BE COMPLETED ALLOWING ELECTION COMMITTEE TO MATCH AGAINST OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.