



# INCOMING NEWS



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

OCT 2017



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



Bill Green  
VNVDV  
President  
2017

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**VNVDV  
Members**  
**Nominations  
Open for  
2018  
VNVDV  
Officers &  
Board of  
Directors**  
**Election at  
Nov Meeting**

Greetings to our VietNam Veterans & Patriots - Oct. is upon us already and it started in a BIG way on Sunday with **"TAKE THE ROCK"** our Alcatraz Swim Challenge we sponsor for Active-Duty Military & Veterans. This was our 5th year and we had a total of 79 Swimmers and they all did a GREAT job! There were also a dozen VNVDV members who volunteered & worked from the wee hours of the morning till the afternoon making sure that this event was a great success. My personal thank you. On Sunday we also participated in a **Welcome Home** for returning military member - Sgt. Larry Wills in El Sobrante and we all want to thank T.J. for representing the SRV VSOs and welcoming Sgt. Wills properly.

This week is our 1st Thursday dinner meeting... and this week is also the start of **FLEET WEEK in San Francisco**. Most have seen the Navy's **Blue Angels** - although it's great every time! Many events at **Marines Memorial** & tours of the ships.

The rest of Oct. is light... but we will be doing advance planning & working on Veterans Day, Operation Santa, Walk of Honor & our 2018 Crab Feed, in addition to our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 7th. (*Did I say Oct. was LIGHT*) - Oh... and I cannot forget **DUCK SEASON** starts on the 21st.

During Sept we supported many events & active. A large group of VNVDV members attended a fabulous one-hour **9-11 annual remembrance** program in Oak Hill Park at All Wars Memorial. Very well done sponsored by the Exchange Club!

Our members participated & supported the **Veterans Memorial Building** Fundraiser at Gianni's helping the Operating Committee raise about half the funds needed to operate next year which is outstanding. One additional fundraiser should raise needed funds. I thank all of you that attended. Our members also participated supporting a info table at the VMB for the Senior Health Fair 2017 .

TAKE the  
ROCK  
2017  
Alcatraz  
Swim  
Challenge  
for Military  
& Veterans  
A HUGE  
SUCCESS!  
\*See  
Inside

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. There are expanded temporary exhibits in the Main Hall to honor our veterans. Visit us in conjunction with Veterans Day.

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING  
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 | (925) 362-9606  
For more information visit [vmbor.org](http://vmbor.org)

## OCT 5th SPEAKER

### David Trojan

**A history detective, a hunter, a tireless student of aviation archaeology will discuss his investigations of about 200 sites and dozens of abandoned air-fields**

**Join us this Thursday - OCT. 5th**

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

As I mentioned, September was a busy & very successful month filled with many Veteran activities to support...

**Monte Vista High School's annual Tribute to Veterans** at one of their football games was attended by a number of our members & other VSO members. They provided free tickets, food, drink & homemade pie plus asked all Veterans out on the field during halftime. A good game against Dublin. We thank MVHS for this tribute & enjoyable event.

As your President, I had the honor of attending the "CWA" (California Waterfowl Association) **Blackhawk dinner** honoring our younger & returning veterans. Held at the Blackhawk Auto Museum. I was honored to attend with a number of local "young Veterans" for this annual fundraiser.

*On the 19th of the month I celebrated my good fortune & wonderful luck of having **Peggy** put up with me for **49 years!!!!***

As the month of Sept. came to an end - **Mike Ergo** from the **Concord VET Center** held a *Silent Auction* to support the **Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation** at his homeowner's clubhouse. It was well attended by friends & neighbors. I am pleased to report six VNVDV members attended to support this worthy event, We also thank **Mike** for all his hard work on "**TAKE the ROCK**" **2017 Swim**. *Mike was selected to participate in the IRONMAN!*

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.

Also - If you have not purchased a copy of the new **Jerry Whiting** book released about the **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** - I personally encourage you to do so. The title is - *"It Don't Mean Nothin' Man" - We're back in the world now...* featuring stories from our VNVDV members.

Know you're busy... but this is **your newsletter**. take time to review it & the events. Also, please share the newsletter & events with others who may be interested. You can forward it or refer them to our website. All members should carry our VNVDV dinner cards with them. *Use them* to bring a fellow VietNam Veteran (or a guest) to our 1st Thursday dinner meeting. First dinner is on us!

Be sure to look at the many great programs & events coming up in November—specifically the Veterans Day program in the San Ramon Valley. I do know the VMB Museum Committee is looking for military items to be loaned for display for the three-day weekend from our younger veterans which could be—Gulf War—GWOT—Post 9/11—Iraq—Afghanistan and other more recent veterans for display this year. They should contact Tim Sammons or Bob Sada. Many other Veterans Day events in the area— included in this edition..- take note & attend these events.

Look forward to seeing you at the dinner meeting Thursday evening at Crow Canyon Country Club.

**Bill**

**William "BILL" Green**  
**President 2016 - 2017**

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## EVENTS NOT TO MISS

NOV. (details in letter)  
Mark Your Calendar NOW & Share

**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**



# VNVDV Dinner September 2017

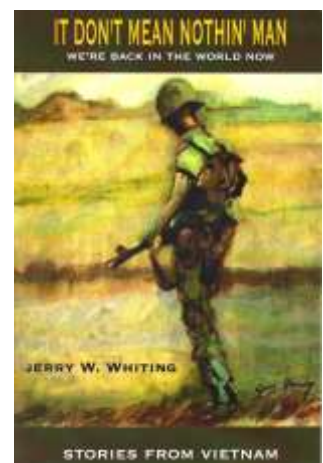
*Join 75 other Veterans & supporters for Dinner each Month*



**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.**



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 *October* Birthdays

Joe Callaway	Army	Richard Vanucci	Navy
Jim Murphy	Navy	Jon Robbins	Army
James Handlin	Army	Bob Sada	Air Force
John Reese	Navy	Tim Perry	Navy
Jerry Yahiro	Army	Greg Brown	Marine
Dennis Marguet	Marine	Henry Fanger	Navy
Mac McConnico	Army	David Behring	Honorary
Terry Miller	Army	Pat Leary	Army
Less Chakurian	Army	Mike Huntsman	Navy



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER - JOHN CAHILL -  
ARMY - 7TH BN 11TH ARTILLERY 25TH DIVISION

**VNVDV Honorary Life  
Member & VMB Senior  
Docent Art Gaskin Cel-  
ebrated his 99th Birth-  
day on 29 August -  
*Best Wishes Art!!!***



*J. Rockcliff*



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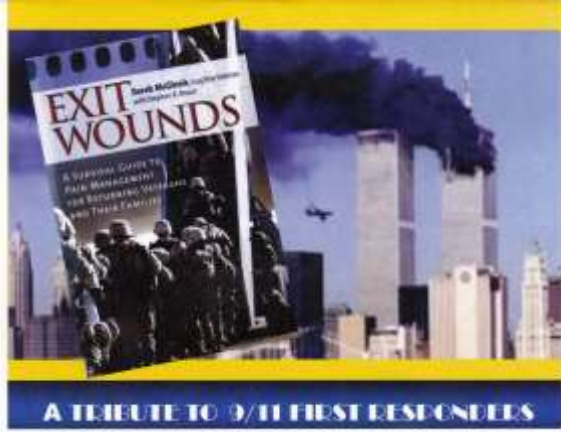
*"Experience the Quality Difference... over 30 years  
serving California and beyond with Excellence"*



**Thanks to September Speaker, Carrie Pepper for her talk on How Losing A Brother In Vietnam Created A Family In American through her book *MISSING ON HILL 700***



## Community Remembers 9/11 at All Wars Memorial



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!



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



**"Take The Rock" Alcatraz Swim Challenge in its' fifth year has close to one hundred military & veteran participants as families cheer them on beach**



Swimmers				Swimmers			
Name	Age	Sex	Finish	Name	Age	Sex	Finish
Looney, Scott	71	M	✓				
Malley, Ryan	72	M	✓				
McDonald, John	73	M	✓				
Murphy, John	74	M	✓				
Hennery, Deane	75	M	✓				
Nick, Laurel	76	F	✓				
Hall,	77	M	✓				
Nichols, William	78	M	✓				
Ward, Greg	79	M	✓				
Beauch, Bob	80	M	✓				
Don,	81	M	✓				
John,	82	M	✓				

# "Take the Rock" a Success!





# The Fishing Opportunity of a Lifetime!



## KING PACIFIC LODGE TRIP FOR THE 2018 SEASON

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

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

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

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



VIET NAM VETERANS  
OF DIABLO VALLEY



**Major VNVDV  
Fundraiser!**

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

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

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

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

**\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY**

Maximum 300 tickets to be sold

Contact  
Bill Green 925.683.3293  
or  
Jerry Yahiro 925.683.2541  
for tickets

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

Winner need not be present to win

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



# 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 new VNVDV Membership 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.**

**CHRISTY'S DONUTS**  
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*VNVDV uses FASTSIGNS*



# Nominations Open for Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 2018 Officers & Board of Directors Election at November 2nd Meeting

Nominations are OPEN for 2018 Officers & Directors - as announced at the September Membership Dinner Meeting & mentioned in the IN-COMING News. President Bill Green appointed Past President **Del Loewe** as Chair of the Recruitment & Nomination Committee for 2018. He also appointed Past Presidents **Mike Weber & Rich Lambert** to serve as official members of the 2018 committee for the Election of Officers & Directors for the VNVDV. Past President Del Loewe expressed *looking for a few good men...* to serve on the Board in 2018. The President needs a solid team behind him... so all members are encouraged to find out more about these positions from any of these Past Presidents... **Jerry Yahiro - Del Loewe - Mike Weber or Rich Lambert**. The Official Ballots will be distributed at the November 2nd dinner meeting with the names of those nominated to-date. You can nominate yourself - or members can nominate other current members in good standing. Any election questions about the "responsibilities" of each office should be directed to any of these five members of the election committee. **Elections/Voting (turning in your written ballot)** will be held at the General Membership Meeting on **Thursday - November 2, 2017**. Ballots may also be returned **by mail** to the VNVDV official mailing address. All "mailed ballots" must be "completed in full" and received no later than **November 17, 2017** to be counted in the final results. Election results will be announced by the President & Election Committee at the **December meeting** & announced in the **Incoming** electronic newsletter.

The 2018 Election is for the VNVDV Officers & Board of Directors positions listed:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Director of Public Relations

Director of Membership

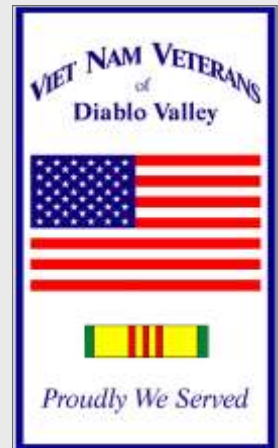
Director of Events

Director At Large

Director of Information

Director of Procurement

Director of Speakers



The Election Committee has received nominations for each position and encourages members to find out about each leadership role and become involved in our Board of Directors meetings. All positions are OPEN and we encourage members to run for whatever position they desire by notifying the Nomination Selection Committee by e-mail (please copy Election Committee members). The duties & responsibilities of all "Officers & Directors" positions listed above are outlined in our organizational by-laws. We encourage new members - as well and those now with time available - to attend our October Board of Directors meetings this month on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Building at 1800. This is a good way to find out what each position is responsible for and gives you a better understanding and background of the organization. All members are welcome to attend any Board meeting. If you have questions about the positions - speak one of the members of the nomination/election committee. Co-Chairs and Assistants are *"appointed"* by the President - and are needed in most areas. This is a great way to learn about the duties - help in a significant way - and keep our organization strong & active in helping fellow veterans - those serving and our community. **Past President Jerry Yahiro noted... "The quality of an organization depends on its current leaders' and the members' willingness to participate in the administration of the organization."** We encourage all members to "strongly consider" becoming more active & involved in "the program of your choice" in our organization.

**President Bill Green** previously indicated there are many enjoyable positions to serve - making a difference in the direction of this amazing organization and he strongly encourages all members to consider joining the 2018 team which he promises will be another fun & exciting year. Our events & activities are so varied... there is truly something for everybody! You can make a difference. Join the team.

***"Proudly We Served"***



# ***Supporting our Marine Corps League***

Gary Estrella ~ Commandant ~ Detachment 942 ~ Danville

## **ITALIAN NIGHT**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

**Veterans Memorial Bldg., 400 Hartz Ave., Danville**

For the benefit of Marine Corps League, Detachment 942  
and Devil Dawgs, Pound 47

**\$25 Per Person**

(After October 8, 2017 \$30)

**NO-HOST BAR from 5:30 p.m.**

**FAMILY STYLE DINNER served at 6:30 p.m.**

Dinner includes: Tossed Salad, Meatballs, Garlic Bread  
and Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce from Genova Deli,  
Dessert & Coffee

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR**

**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE AND A SILENT AUCTION**

ALL SEATS RESERVED & RESERVATIONS NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL MONEY RECEIVED.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MCL 942, and Mail to:

1441 SPRINGBROOK RD., WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 (Attn: Marylou)

or DROP CHECKS OFF AT Marine Corps League meeting

FOR INFORMATION CALL: MARYLOU 932-0471

**PAID-FOR TICKETS WILL BE AT THE DOOR**

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

With whom would you like to sit \_\_\_\_\_

(Show all names)

***Proud to Support / Promote fellow VSO Partners in VMB/SRV***



# 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 EVENTS APPROACHING

## Various Dates ~ Mark Your Calendar

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**VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ~ PLEASANTON**

**SUN ~ NOV. 5th ~ 1 PM**

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**Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors**

**Annual VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION**

**TUES. ~ NOV. 7th ~ 11AM**

**Supervisor's Chambers ~ Martinez**

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**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**

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**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**

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**VETERAN'S THREE-DAY OPEN HOUSE**

**Veterans Memorial Building**

**Museum Displays & Exhibits 3-Days**

**NOV. 10 ~ NOV. 11 ~ NOV. 12**

**400 Hartz Ave. ~ Town of Danville**



# Your Waiters Thank You for Supporting the VMB Operating Fund by attending Gianni's "Tips" dinner







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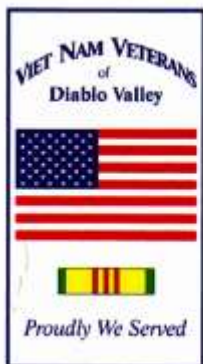
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**Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact "T.J." for all your uniform requirements.**



**John T.J. Trujillo**  
Director of Procurement

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**VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the**

**Wheelchair Foundation**



"Serving the World"

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

**The VietNam Veterans made distribution trips in 2006 & again in 2012 to VietNam to provide mobility for those lacking this basic freedom.**

**Thank you for your support of VNVDV & Two Trips to Vietnam**



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

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

**VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP...  
Special 50th Commemoration  
Limited Time - ONLY \$50.**

**Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office  
is OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans**

**All Wars Memorial Paver**

**AWM ENGRAVING ONLY TWO TIMES A YEAR - Only 10 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)**



# 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.**

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Martinez Primary Care Clinic  
150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553

Advice Nurse-Appointment Line  
800-382-8387  
Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line  
866-600-8279  
Martinez, CA. 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

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

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

**Veterans... Are You Utilizing  
Your VA Health Care Benefits?**  
The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA  
Health Care coverage & utilizing trained  
professional advocates at our Contra Costa County VSO.  
The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help  
**Visit our VNVDV Website  
for more Benefit details.**

**Don't miss CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" on 3rd Monday**  
**Featuring Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer & Guests**

**Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office**  
**is a FREE service for all Veterans!**

Find out about all the Veteran Benefits  
You earned through your Military Service  
Visit the County VSO Office NOW...  
for your **FREE "Benefit Check-Up"** - You Earned it!

Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office is "the place" to have all of your VA  
paperwork completed - by a qualified, experienced service rep. & this service is for all  
veterans **FREE** & available **M - F** in Martinez & **on Wednesdays** in Danville 10-2

**Veterans Benefits Contact:**

**Nathan D. Johnson**  
**Veterans Service Officer**  
**Contra Costa County**

10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100  
Martinez, CA 94553

**Tel: (925) 313-1481**

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[Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us](mailto: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 Spous-  
es on both Traditional and Cremation Property.

Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

Contact: Thomas Corbett, Vet-  
eran Liaison Officer, LIC# 44629  
(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785  
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# 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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400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 | (925) 362-9806  
For more information visit [vmbsrv.org](http://vmbsrv.org)





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**



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## 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:

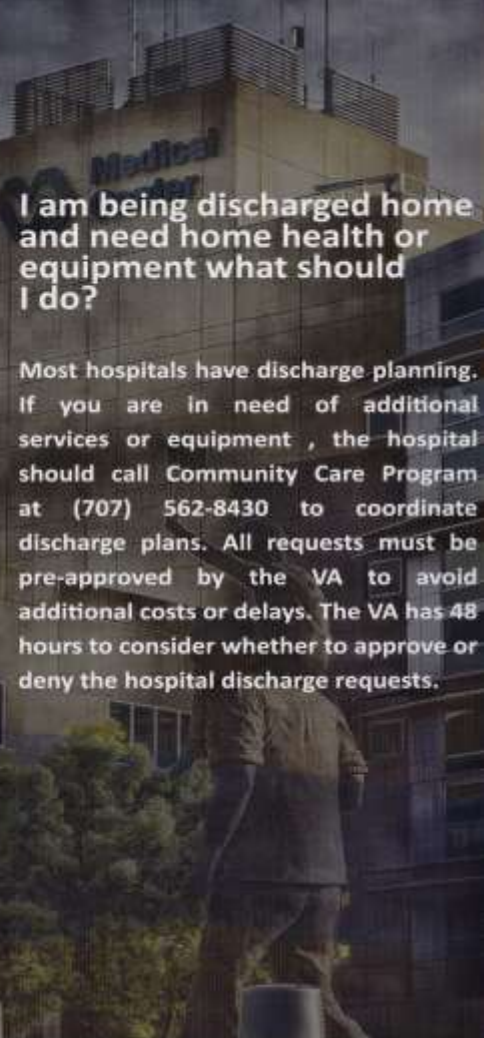
- Enrolled in VA Healthcare
- Must have been seen at the VA Outpatient clinics or hospital within the last 24 months
- No or some health "coverage"
- No injury sustained by third party
- Disability discharge from active duty
- VA hospital/clinic is not available and must meet the definition of an emergency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





# RANDOM SHOTS



**JEFF JEWELL, DIRECTOR - CONCORD VET CENTER WAS NAMED "GRAND MARSHALL WALNUT CREEK'S TWILIGHT PARADE KICKING OFF THE WALNUT FESTIVAL . NEXT TO HIS VEHICLE WITH WW II VETERAN - EARL "CHUCK" KOLHER - A PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR. CONGRATULATIONS JEFF!**



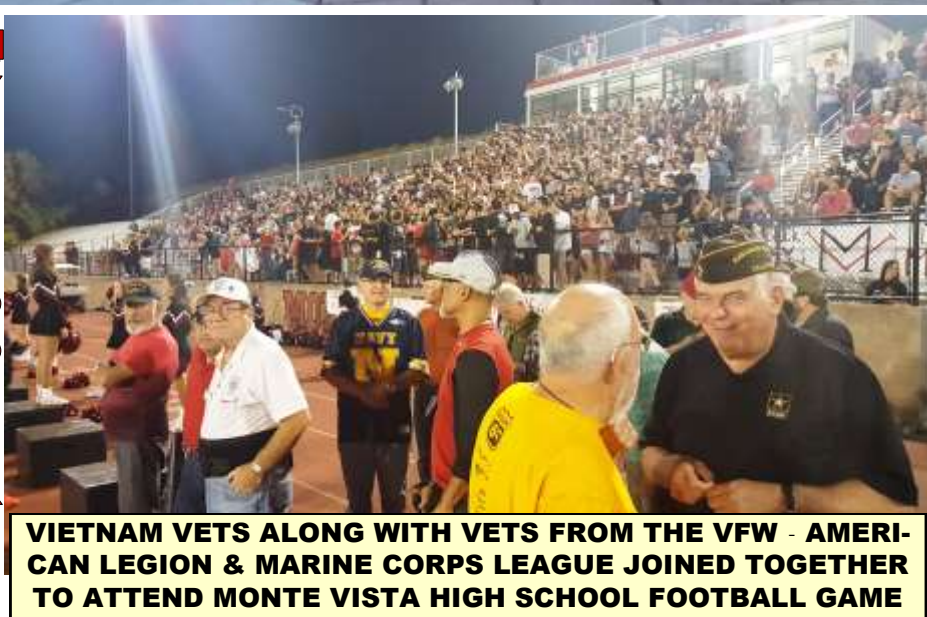
**SENIOR HEALTH FAIR HELD AT VMB IN DANVILLE**

**VMB INFO TABLE AT SENIOR HEALTH FAIR - STAFFED BY VNVDV & RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTEER PROVIDING INFO ON ALL VSOs & VMB ACTIVITIES.**



**MVHS GAME HONORED VETERANS & PROVIDED FOOD & RECOGNITION**

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**VIETNAM VETS ALONG WITH VETS FROM THE VFW - AMERICAN LEGION & MARINE CORPS LEAGUE JOINED TOGETHER TO ATTEND MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME**





**Are YOU a  
LIFE  
MEMBER?**

Dear VietNam Veterans

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

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

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

***Joe Callaway***

*Membership Recruiter*

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



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

# VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIET NAM VETERANS  
of  
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First &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

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| <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 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

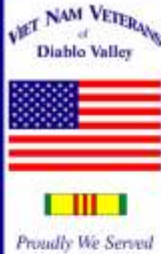
**Please Mail your completed application to our P.O. Box above or Submit at our 1st/Thurs. of Month Dinner. Thank You!**

**VietNam Veterans... first dinner is on us! A token of our thanks.  
Life Membership \$50 in honor of 50th Commemoration**



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

**OCT 2017**



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**The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, and value & maintain a high level of dignity & respect for the young men & women currently serving our nation today in all branches of our military services. **Danville's Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** is home for the VNVDV and designed for the next 100 years - to serve our veterans now - those returning & our future veterans - while serving as a lasting reminder & Memorial for all those who served before us in the name of Freedom... *leaving a "legacy"*

The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday of every month** at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at **1800 Hrs.** in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: **[www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com)**. All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our "open" membership meetings. This VNVDV is a casual - "fun" - social veterans group - always looking for new members who enjoy friendship & the special bond as military veterans. **We are Proud of our Military Service...** & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & community. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. Please join us... All dinner meetings are **OPEN** - bring fellow VietNam veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - community supporters... *see what a difference volunteering makes in the lives of others. All veterans welcome!*

**OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!**

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

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

**1st THURSDAY of each Month**

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

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

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

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