

INCOMING NEWS



AUG 2018

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley EBSD Volunteer Sign-up is OPEN 2,500 Volunteers Needed - Register NOW! VNVDV Distribute Over 10,000 American Flags in 2018 Kiwanis 4th of July Parade



Bill Green
VNVDV
President
2018



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thursday Dinner Speaker

East Bay Stand Down is a community support program providing a helping hand-up... not a hand-out to our Homeless & in-need Veterans at Alameda County Fair-ground SEP. 13 - 16 Volunteer Registration is Open 2,500 Volunteers are needed. Sign-up in advance on-line. We are honored to be a Major Sponsor of EBSD 2018. Join us in supporting EBSD

Aloha!
We just got back, you guessed it, Hawaii, and of course I'm late getting my message for the newsletter. That is where Peg and I were **married 50 years ago** in September of '68 while I was on R&R. The whole Family joined us and made it a trip to remember! While there Dennis and Carol Nead treated us to a night of comedy with comedian Bo Irvine. Great show and we can't thank Denny & Carol enough, or as they say MAHALO NUI LOA. But now we're back home & back to VNVDV work.



RON LOWE
Advisor / Vietnam



August Dinner Speaker **Ron Lowe** will discuss his experiences as an Advisor with small groups of Americans in remote areas supported by Vietnamese forces.

First I thank all of you who took part in the **4th of July Parade**, & thank you to event director **Jerry Yahiro** for putting together a great parade team. It was a fun day and a fun party afterwards. Also thank you VFW.

On **August 25th 2:00 PM** at the VMB there will be a **Celebration of a Life Well Lived** for **Art Gaskins** an Honorary VNVDV Life Member. Art gave his all for the VMB & all the VSO Groups. **Join us to remember Art.**

Just before the 4th the great fisherman **Marty De Venuta** returned from his fishing trip of a lifetime at **King Pacific Lodge**. **Marty** was our raffle winner at the Crab Feed, so if you see him, ask about the amazing Canadian Lodge fishing trip & the great time he had. Valued at over \$7K... this trip for two was desired by many annual crab feed folks.



Parade was like a Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans



A CELEBRATION of a LIFE WELL-LIVED
ARTHUR A. GASKINS
8/29/1918
6/17/2018
AUG. 25, 2018
2:00 PM
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
MAIN HALL
DANVILLE

The rest of July has been quiet, except for the car show that I missed. Next one in August on **Sunday - Aug. 19**. The VNVDV is getting ready for **Stand Down in September** and if you have some free time go on line & sign-up to be a volunteer & give some of our less fortunate Vets a *helping hand*. **Register on the WEBSITE East Bay Stand Down - Volunteer Categories prior to SEP 9th.**

Attend the **Final EBSD** Info & planning meeting Tue. Aug. 21 at the VMB 6:00 PM - open to all - find out more then Volunteer on-line for EBSD event. A big need for *physically-able* Volunteers to help **Set up and Tear down before and after the Event 13 -16 SEP** volunteers are urgently needed to register.

Please join me & other VSO members for the **FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE Veterans Wing of the VMB. Gianni's** in San Ramon. Info is in the newsletter. Volunteer waiters are needed. Please contact Dennis Giacobelli - VMB Operating Committee Chair.

In July there were *two* **WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES** sponsored by the **Diablo Valley Flag Brigade & Warriors Watch Riders**. These patriotic events honor returning service members and give them a very well earned recognition of their service. *Look for notices & please attend these one-hour events.*

A big **Shout Out to Phillips 66 - their management & all the employees** - and especially Public Relations Specialist **Aimee Lohr** for their generous donation from the 10th annual "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans Event. VNVDV appreciate the tremendous effort by **Phillips 66** enabling support of many worthy veteran programs.



Last, read about our **By-Law change** in this edition, passed by the Board of Directors. We will be voting on it at the September meeting. Details of the **By-Law changes** are in the Newsletter. I will see you at the dinner meeting Thursday! That's all for now so Aloha.

Bill

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President 2016 - 2017 - 2018
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EastBayStandDown.org

On-Line Registration OPEN!

VOLUNTEER NOW!

Note: **VOLUNTEERS** also needed for **"ADVANCE SET-UP"** Sep. 10 - 12 & **"POST TEAR DOWN"** Sep. 17 - 19. in addition to the **over 2,000**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Alameda County Fairgrounds to operate the **FOUR-DAY EBSD ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM ! Sign-Up On-Line**

A complete listing of all areas for **Sept 13 - 16** volunteer positions is on the EBSD website & the hours / time-slots available. **All volunteers must register on-line & in advance of the event. NO registration on-site**



Looking For A Few Good Men
Do You have what it takes to help set-up the encampment?



A Celebration of a Life Well-Lived Arthur A. Gaskins

8/29/1918 – 6/17/2018

To be held on
August 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building, Main Hall



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley Current By-Laws - Membership Approved October 2013
 VNVDV proposed By-Law changes for 2018
 Recommended by the President - Approved by the VNVDV Board of Directors - July 2018
 Presented to VNVDV General Membership at Meeting - August 2018 &
 Announced (Including) in the *Incoming News* communicating to all Members
 Membership Vote Schedule for General Meeting - September 2018

**ARTICLE III
 MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3.01 - General

In order to comply with the provisions of Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, "at least 90% of the organization's membership must consist of war veterans. The term 'war veteran' means persons, whether or not present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of war (including the Korean and Vietnam conflicts)". Of this 90% of the membership, at least 85% of the war veteran members must have served during in the Vietnam conflict - and is eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. Of this 90% of the membership, at least 75% of the war veteran members must have served in the Vietnam conflict - and be eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. An additional, 7.5% of members may be "cadets (including only students in college or university ROTC programs or at armed services academies) or spouses, widows, or widowers of" past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Membership may be granted to other persons not meeting the foregoing criteria, up to a maximum of 2.5% of the total membership.

Section 6.02 - Qualifications

All candidates for elective office must be members in good standing. A candidate for the office of President must hold a current elective office or be a Vice President or Past President - not more than two years out of office . A candidate for the office of President must have held an elective office in the VNVDV, including Officer or Director, and be a recipient of the Vietnam Service Medal.

The proposed changes are to allow more war veterans to become VNVDV members and more Vietnam Service Medal holders to be eligible to run for the office of President.

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 Coast 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 48 guests. This trip is currently valued at \$9900 CAD/\$7112 USD.
 For more information on the lodge go to <http://www.kingpacificlodge.com>
 Dates will be determined upon availability at King Pacific Lodge. Reservations available after 3 Feb 2018. All inclusive from Vancouver. Gratuities not included.



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

Major VNVDV Fundraiser!

Trip for 2 for a 4 day/3 night stay

1/2 Day guided each day 8hrs/day. Self-guided unlimited hours of fishing

Luxury rooms feature a soaking tub with panoramic window views!

Roundtrip transportation from Vancouver, Canada South Terminal to Lodge

\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY

Contact
 Jeff Galloway 905-443-5260 or
 Jerry Wilson 604-283-2041 for details

Winter will be closed JAN2019 at the VNVDV 7th Fall Event
 Winter closed and 48 limited seats

Marty De Venuta and Guest enjoyed their trip to the King Pacific Lodge



VERY IMPORTANT EVENT

This year's fundraiser for
**THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY**



TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT MONDAY AUGUST 6, 2018

Please join us at Gianni's Italian Bistro for a Great Italian Dinner, inspiring conversation, and heart-warming camaraderie, all while being served by a wait staff comprised of our own local Veterans. All tips and a percentage of the nights receipts go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building's Operating Committee which in turn funds our expenses and activities.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

ITALIAN BISTRO

Monday August 6, 2018

Between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Make your reservations a.s.a.p.

Call 925.820.6969 or Visit

www.yelp.com/biz/giannis-italian-bistro-san-ramon

Gianni's Italian Bistro

2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

San Ramon, Ca 94583

www.giannissanramon.com

PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB

EastBayStandDown.org

On-Line Registration Opened July 16

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for ENCAMPMENT SET-UP & TEAR-DOWN [MANUAL LABOR] PRIOR TO and AFTER the ACTUAL FOUR DAY PARTICIPANT PROGRAM held on SEPTEMBER 13 - 16 A complete list of ALL volunteer areas and requirements is listed on the EBSD website. All **volunteers** must register **on-line and in advance**. Please Register NOW!
No On-Site volunteer registration is permitted or available.

The 2018 East Bay Stand Down (EBSD) is scheduled for September 13 through 16, 2018 at Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton - *the original four-day Stand Down in the U.S.* ***Not a Handout... A Helping Hand Up.***

If you need more information before you Volunteer - attend the Final EBSD Information & Planning Meeting in Danville at the Veterans Memorial Building on Tuesday - AUGUST 21st at 6 PM. Meet the Coordinators for each area listed on the EBSD website. All planning & info meetings for EBSD are Open - Public Community Meetings. **ALWAYS CHECK EBSD WEBSITE FOR UPDATES & EBSD NEEDS & HOW YOU CAN HELP.**

If you have questions - about anything - **All you need to do is...** Attend the **FINAL Informational Planning Meeting** at the VMB. You can also discover valuable information regarding Stand Down on the official website. Important items, such as: the EBSD **"WISH LIST"** of items needed by specific area coordinators within Stand Down - Who are the 2018 **"Tent Sponsors"** - What outstanding organizations have stepped-up to become **"Major Sponsors"** of the 2018 EBSD - who are the **"Coordinators"** & how to contact them prior to the event - and of course what are the many **"Volunteer positions"** available at EBSD and what **"Hours"** do they need Volunteers? **It's all there... just check the EBSD website at: www.EastBayStandDown.org**

Information on **"Participant Sign-Up"** is also available online - separate from the Volunteer Registration.

Community organizations, clubs, businesses, churches & interested individuals are encouraged to find out more about how you might be able to get involved and assist in this major community effort to end homelessness for our **military Veterans**. **Planning take place in the "East Bay's" San Ramon Valley and the venue for East Bay Stand Down** is an outstanding location provided by the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Community organizations & businesses provide support in many various ways. All EBSD informational public monthly planning meetings are open to all & is an excellent venue to show your support & provides an excellent opportunity for organizations / businesses & individuals to present 2018 **"Donation Checks."** *Major Sponsorship begins at \$5,000.00 & "Tent Sponsorship" \$500 for non-profit organizations & \$1,000. for Corporations.* All groups Sponsoring Meals during the four-day event are coordinated with Food Services & Executive Board. Please Note *All EBSD donation checks should be made payable to - [Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 funding EBSD.*

The EBSD **"Executive Board"** will meet prior to the final public planning meeting at 1700 (5PM). The Planning Meetings are open to all & does have a **"Sign-In"** sheet requesting: Your Name - Organization you are representing - Your Mobile Phone & your best E-Mail contact address Collection of information will allow Executive Board Members & Coordinators to contact you. The media is welcome to attend this public event.

Thank you for your support of **East Bay Stand Down 2018**. Help spread the word - get other groups interested in EBSD. Remember - Individuals cannot Register to Volunteer at the event - all **Volunteer Registration MUST be done in Advance On-Line through the EBSD website.** *Again, Thank You for your Support and assisting us in providing these Veterans a second chance with a helping hand-up... not a hand-out. Your personal support can and will make a difference in their lives. Thank you.*



HOMELESS VETERANS

East Bay Stand Down for Veterans and their Families

September 2018
Pleasanton, CA

STAND DOWN

Serving homeless individuals who have served our Nation is the primary goal of the East Bay Stand Down. We treat the Veteran participants with respect and dignity. Their former service to our nation is evidence of their ability to succeed and is also reason enough for our community to support them in regaining success.

EBSD wants to help you and your family!!!! 4-DAY EVENT!

Participants must Pre-register

Pre-registration begins in August and further information will be provided on how to do so.

Eligibility for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services is NOT required for admission.

All services are free. Family members may attend with valid proof of relationship.

This is a closed event → no "ins and outs." No drugs, alcohol, weapons or violence.

You will be treated with the dignity and respect you deserve at all times at the event.

Transportation to and from the event will be provided. Bringing your own car is discouraged.

No Walk-Ins.

Some of the Services Available at Stand Down Are:

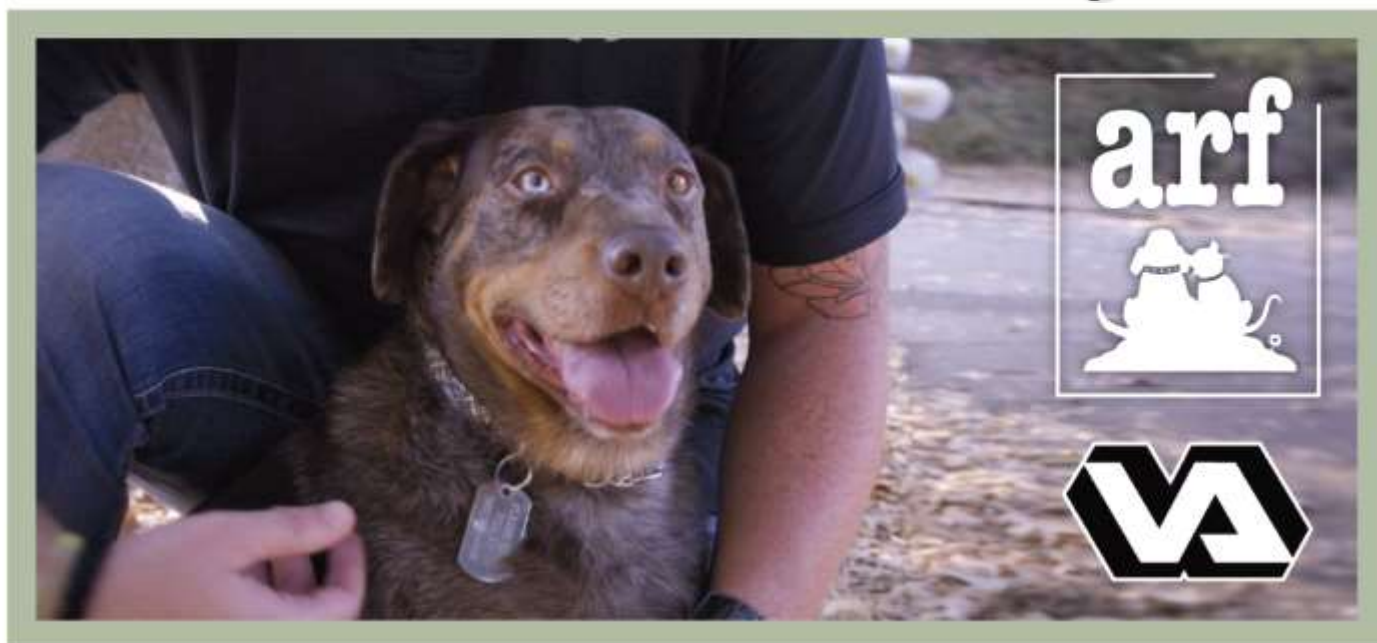
COMPLETE MEDICAL	OFF-SITE PET CARE
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www.eastbaystanddown.org

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PARTICIPANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Are You A Veteran with a Dog or Cat?



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

July 13 • July 27 • August 10 • August 24
September 14 • September 28

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 9am (No check-ins will be accepted before 9am)
Check-ins accepted until noon or FULL
First come, first served

Location: 150 Muir Road, Martinez CA 94553

Contact: Gary (925) 370-4790 or Karri (925) 372-2000 x6044

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.

Do Not Pass Up this Opportunity for Your Pet!

Assemblywoman Baker honors Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley as Assembly District 16 July Non-Profit of the Month.



PRESIDENT BILL GREEN ACCEPTS THE RECOGNITION FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN BAKER WITH FELLOW VNV DV MEMBERS



VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN DANVILLE - AUTO JUMPS CURB & MOWS DOWN VOLUNTEER GARDENER'S FLOWER VEGETATION & TREE!



AIMEE LOHR WITH PHILLIPS 66 PRESENTS TO THE VNV DV A DONATION FROM THE 10TH ANNUAL "WALK OF HONOR"

FINAL

EBSD
East Bay Stand Down

EBSD Monthly Info & Planning Meetings
Tuesday - August 21st - 6 PM - Public/Community Welcome
Veterans Memorial Building - 400 Hartz Ave - Danville

July 2018 Dinner Meeting Members & Guests



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East Bay Stand Down - September 13 - 16
Alameda County Fairgrounds - Registration
Now Open for Volunteers & Participants



Veterans Voices Staff Volunteers
Help keep Veterans Voices on the air

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office TV Show

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.



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VNVDV Member *August* Birthdays

Jack Enright	Army	Anthony Bettencourt	Army
Denver Mills	Navy	Ed Meshinsky	Army
Phil Butler	Navy	Carl Swanson	Army
Bob Wright	Marine	James Hart	Marine
Art Gaskin	Army	Mike Martin	Navy
Mike Paul	Navy	Doye Sivils	Army
Mimi Steel	Air Force	Gary Sponseller	Army

Thanks to our July Speaker - **Jim Murphy** presenting his experience on the USS Ajax - US Navy - West Pac Points of Interest



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VNVDV Member Information



Honoring Art Gaskins (1918-2018) -Honorary VNVDV Member.

Steps to watch the May 2018 interview with Art Gaskins on Veterans' Voices:

-On your computer, go to:

www.contracosta.ca.gov/7003/

-Start video by clicking the Arrow in center of screen

-Move red bar at bottom of screen to 46:00 minutes

-Interview runs approximately 12 minutes.



Congratulations to Dennis Peterson - recently after numerous reminders from members, Dennis upgraded his VNVDV shirt to include the Parachute Badge.



To the right is a photo of C-119 cargo planes (Dennis' favorite mode of transportation) but I am not certain which jumper is Dennis.



EBSD July Community Information & Volunteer Coordination Meeting Community Businesses / Organizations / Non-Profits became Major Sponsors & Tent Sponsors helping EBSD 2018



FINAL PLANNING MEETING - TUE / AUG 21 - 6:00 PM - VMB



EBSD Received Generous Donations at Well Attended Meeting

Hot Summer Sundays Car Show

~~JULY 22, 2018~~ and AUGUST 19, 2018
SUNDAY
Event Time 10:00a - 4:00p

Street Closure Time
7:00 am - 5:30 pm

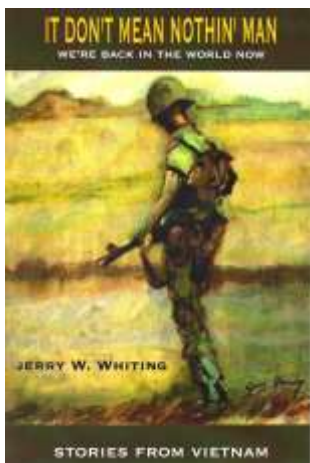
Pre-Registered Vehicle Priority
7:00 am to 8:00 am

**BE SURE TO STOP
& SEE THE MILITARY
VEHICLES IN FRONT OF THE
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

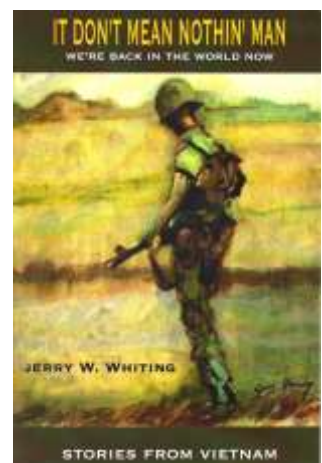
Day of Event Registration Begins at 8:00am

No Cars Admitted After 10:00 am

A reminder to our Members & Dinner Guests: We are a non-profit service organization. Therefore - absolutely NO politics or political discussions or political comments at our dinner tables or during our meeting. Again, we are a non-profit / non-political service organization & must protect our status and do not want to violate our by-laws or jeopardize our state & federal status in any manner. We appreciate your support. Thank You for helping.



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"



Hot Summer Sundays Car Show



Thanks to Military Vehicle Displayers



VFW Hot Dog Booth operated by Commander Hank & members was a success



HANK taking a break after the rush!



This July Car Show was great - We encourage everyone to attend in August on Sunday 19th



Veterans Memorial Building always features Military Vehicles on display



Robert Storer was even working - giving out awards to outstanding cars on display

Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center

Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center preserves and shares the fascinating stories of the military base that helped transform Dublin from a rural crossroads to the thriving city it is today.

Located at the Camp Parks Visitor Center, just outside the military base's Main Gate, the History Center is a partnership between the City of Dublin and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. It features permanent museum-quality exhibits and rotating temporary exhibits, as well as history activities several times a year. Admission is free.

**Dougherty Road at Camp Parks Blvd.
Daily 11:00 - 5:00**

Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center

NEW EXHIBIT

WOMEN IN SERVICE: THE RED CROSS AND NURSES OF CAMP PARKS DURING THE 1940s AND 1950s

May 25-October 26, 2018

Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center
Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Visitor Center
Building 275, just before the Main Gate checkpoint
Off Dougherty Road at Camp Parks Boulevard
Open daily, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

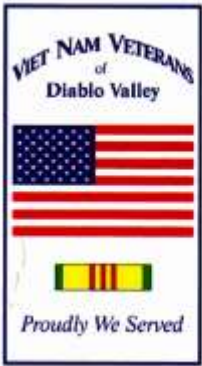
Free admission

During the 1940s and 1950s, Navy nurses and Red Cross workers served important roles at Camp Parks and neighboring Shoemaker Naval Hospital, a 3,000-bed facility which provided care for almost 46,000 patients during World War II. This exhibit salutes the women who helped to heal, comfort, and transition injured sailors and Marines back to civilian life in a dynamic post-War world. On display are original Nurse and Red Cross uniforms, medical equipment, therapy artifacts, and photos.



**NAVAL HOSPITAL SHOEMAKER
1946**

Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display 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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trujillo.tj.john@gmail.com
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Contact **"T.J."** to obtain one of his new VNVDV Coffee Mugs that have been prepared for the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley... **Nice!**

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.

We Thank David Behring & Joel Hodge for your support of VNVDV & *Two Wheelchair Distribution Trips to Vietnam*



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

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 TWICE A YEAR
A New Paver Section will be Opening this Year... **do you have an AWM Paver?**
Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member with a Paver Tribute!
New Walkway of Pavers to Open soon \$300.00
Engraving is performed in the Spring & Fall.
Take time to visit the AWM website for an application form & historical & educational information about all wars and the AWM Pavers.
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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New Guide for Service-Connected Urgent Care
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- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!

**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.**

Are You Watching 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**

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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.

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**Are YOU a
LIFE
MEMBER?**

Dear VietNam Veterans

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

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

Thank you for your service.

Joe Callaway

Membership Recruiter

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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

VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

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

Military Service

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

PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Welcome Home Events | <input type="checkbox"/> VNVDV Super Sunday Crab Feed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Ceremony / All Wars Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk of Honor for our Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danville Fourth of July Parade - Flag Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> East Bay Stand Down - Volunteer |
| <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**

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

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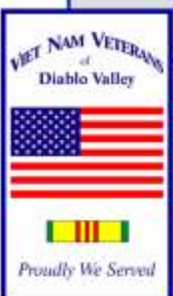
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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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