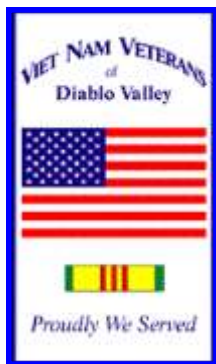


INCOMING NEWS



DEC 2018

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley VNVDV 2018 Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala & Annual "TOY DRIVE" - DEC. 6th... Celebrating 27 Years of Service!

Remember to bring your GIFT CARD to dinner for our TOY DRIVE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the December letter, my 36th message and my last as your President, but more on that later. December is a wonderful month because it gives us time to reflect on all of our activities & programs serving Veterans. We have accomplished a great deal and continued to serve others in our community because of you. There is great pride in what we do as members & supporters.

Let's take a look at our **Christmas Dinner Gala**. We will be recognizing & honoring many for their worthy efforts volunteering & recognizing groups we closely work with throughout the year - helping them to continue their programs. Annually at our Christmas dinner, year's past everyone had **brought toys** for the kids participating in **OPERATION SANTA**. As you read in our announcements - **this year we are requesting you bring "Gift Cards" or "Checks/Cash" to fill Santa's glass "Toy Drive" jars - at the check-in desk!** Your donations will greatly help Santa's Elf Helpers in collecting & matching the right toys to the right girls & boys at the right age! You can imagine Santa sometimes can have a hard time with over 200 children! These "Gift Cards" & funds provide Santa's Helpers the flexibility needed to obtain & have the right toys on the day of the Operation Santa Claus Christmas Party for the military families. Your support will make this happen.

DEC 7th Concord Vet Center "**Christmas Party**" Operation Santa will loan their Santa to the Vet Center so once again it is a very busy month for Santa.

DEC 15th - **Wreaths Across America** will conduct ceremonies at the **Alamo Cemetery - 12 Noon** at 912 El Portal - Danville. Co-supported by the Blue Star Moms.

** See additional DEC event dates on this page

President's final Message (Continued on Page Two)

ARMY / NAVY GAME

VMB - DEC 8TH - 11:30

HOSTED BY THE VMB OPERATING COMMITTEE

Bring your favorite snacks

VNVDV Crab Feed

"Donations Needed"

Donation letters in this issue

Feb. 3rd

Crab Feed Tickets

on Sale Now - \$45

Pearl Harbor Day

Fri. - Dec. 7th

Lighting the Eye of Diablo

Dec. 7th at 3:00 PM

Pearl Harbor Day Beacon Lighting Ceremony

December 7 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

California State East Bay - Concord Campus

4700 Ygnacio Valley Road - Concord, CA

94521



GARY VILLALBA

Legendary Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer is attending the VNVDV Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner GALA

*Gary has assisted thousands of Vets obtain benefits they earned as CSVO
Time to see ours?*

Operation Santa Claus Toy Drive This Year Remember to bring "GIFT CARDS"

Bring gift cards to Holiday Dinner or provide check/cash to support the drive.

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

With all that we have going on it is once again time to focus on the **February 3rd Super Sunday CRAB FEED**. This is our membership's major annual fund raiser. The Crab Feed proceeds permit the VNVDV to give back to the Veterans Community and Organizations that support Veterans. **Please get your tickets NOW - Available at the Christmas Dinner Gala when you check-in & pay for dinner.** *Get them early or contact Slatts by e-mail or phone.* Jim Murphy & Jim Hill are already working on donations for the Auction. Your donation items are needed early - they are very interested in obtaining member donations & locate merchant donors to make a contribution earlier this year.

Looking back at November Events there was a lot packed into the Month. A great **Pancake Breakfast** at the VMB was well attended. Many thanks to sponsor **Catherine Baker** & American Legion as host. They deserve a big Thank You for the successful event.

The **Veteran's Day Weekend** activities included the well-attended VMB displays where WWI, the 50th anniversary of Tet Offensive & Peacetime Military Operations were recognized. Including special recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI & a bell ringing service at 11th hour on 11th day of the 11th month.
Many thanks to the VMB's LHCC Team & volunteers.

On Monday, NOV 12th Veterans honored at Veterans Day Program at SRVHS. Featured Presentation by former Danville Councilmember & Mayor **Mike Doyle** told the story of the 1948 Berlin Airlift & personal experience as an Air Force Sergeant assigned to Airlift Force. Mike organized local residents who were children in Berlin back during the airlift to offer their stories.

November 14th was a special day as the **Blue Star Moms Chapter 20 - Dedication of a Memorial** to remember & honor two Costa County Service Members who lost their lives during Global War on Terror. PFC Scott C. Bennett & PFC Benjamin T. Zieske from Olympic High School in Concord were honored with a Memorial.

Many other activities were attended this past month & covered in this edition. Over my past 36 months all the events were documented extremely well in each edition of the **INCOMING** thanks to our outstanding **Publisher / Information Director - Jon Robbins**. I hope each month you took the time to review events & activities we accomplished. I personally thanked each Director at our last BOD meeting & Thanks once again! As I said in the beginning, this is **my last President's Message**. January, we are honored to have **Gary Estrella** as our new **President**. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve you the past 3 years. It has been a great ride, but could not have been done without the fantastic Board that we have. I greatly appreciate all the support from our membership & friends during my VNVDV tour of duty. **MANY THANKS!**

Bill Green
President 2016 - 2017 - 2018
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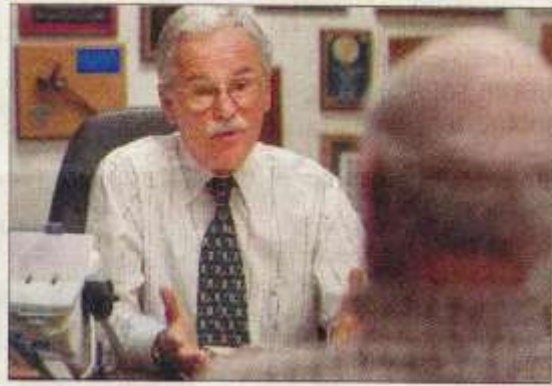


December is our Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner

The VNVDV Thanks all VSOs!

Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award to be Presented to a Special Individual at Holiday Dinner personally by Gary - plus Presentation of VNVDV's Veteran of the Year & Volunteer of the Year

Former GARY VILLALBA
Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer



GARY VILLALBA has been helping veterans for over two decades, and will be retiring as a Contra Costa County Veteran Services officer. Here he talks with a client (left) in his Martinez office on Jan. 2.

DAN HONDA — MediaNews staff photos

1988 - 2008 in Contra Costa County ...
Over Twenty Years - Proudly Serving Our Nation's Veterans

Gary Villalba is a legend in the California Veteran Community... serving Veterans over twenty years in Contra Costa County as our Veterans Service Officer & Director for both Martinez & Richmond Offices aiding thousands of veterans & their family members obtain benefits & services.

Ten years ago, at Gary's retirement in 2008 - the VNVDV Board of Directors voted unanimously to establish a unique award - a "perpetual recognition for distinguished service" - in the name of **VSO GARY VILLALBA. **This is the highest recognition the VNVDV bestows upon a member or individual who exhibits the character & great dedication to serving Veterans as Gary demonstrated daily & provided to our community his entire career. The VNVDV is proud to recognize annually those special individuals who Continue to Serve & we do so in Gary's honor.****

Gary will be joining us from southern California again to personally present the VNVDV's highest recognition at our 2018 Gala to another very dedicated individual. Their name will be added to the Gary Villalba plaque displayed at the County Veterans Service Office in Martinez & in Gary's home.



The 119 annual

Army/Navy Game

December 8, 2018

Game starts 12:00

*It will take an upset for the Midshipmen
To beat the Black Knights this year*

Come join your fellow Veterans upstairs

In Your

Veterans Memorial Building

For hot dogs, chili, nachos,

Camaraderie, and The Game

Bring a side dish, dessert or beverage

Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee
(Go Navy)

Concord Vet Center

Holiday Party

Where: 1333 Willow Pass Rd,
Suite 106, Concord, CA

When: December 07, 2018
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Enjoy food, music and
holiday cheer.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their
elves will be handing out toys.



Please RSVP so Santa knows how many toys
to bring: 925-680-4526

November 2018 Dinner Meeting Members & Guests



J. Rockcliff



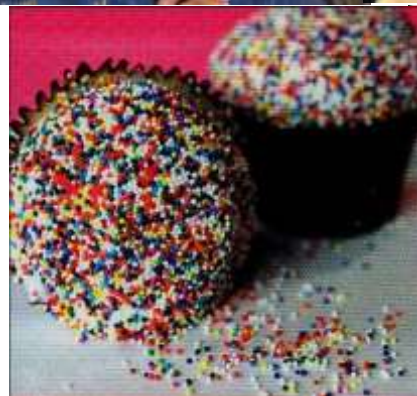
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs VR&E Career & Resource Fair



When: Friday, December 7th

Where: 1301 Clay Street Oakland, CA
Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building

Time: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Employers that will be attending:

San Francisco VA Medical Center, Facebook, Cisco, City and County of San Francisco, UCSF, Amazon, Department of Homeland Security, UC Berkeley, FEMA and more!

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Register on Eventbrite or Renata.Scott@va.gov



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The Amazon logo.



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Friday, December 7 | 7:30 pm
St. Isidore Church, Danville

Sunday, December 9 | 5:45 pm
Blackhawk Country Club, Danville

Saturday, December 15 | 4:00 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, San Ramon

**For ticket information
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OVER 600 NEW AWM GRANITE PAVERS BEING INSTALLED THIS MONTH

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Thank You to the patriotic community for Honoring their Heroes & Patriots - Engraving all 1,127 All Wars Memorial Pavers in the walkway

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Expanded Walkway & Panel Sections with an
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Please Note: The AWM Foundation schedules our outside Professional Engravers - "Bras & Mattos Monument Company" for on-site Paver Engraving Only Two Times a Year. Questions: Visit the AWM Website

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the **All Wars Memorial Foundation (AWMF)** for purchase of an AWM Paver to honor the service or contribution made by an Individual Serving - a Veteran or Patriot with a Paver - or an **Organizational Paver** to Honor a Military Unit or Veteran Service Organization - **IN MEMORY** are only for those who died (KIA) in the service.

PURCHASER INFORMATION: (If paying by credit card use information on billing statement)

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 City / State / Zip _____

Contact **PHONE & E-MAIL** Address (Please utilize separate sheet & attach - to clearly provide all requested information - please **PRINT** clearly all information... Thank you)

INDIVIDUAL AWM PAVER - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$300.00 each

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Can add **RANK** for those who served in the military (Rank optional - only if desired - not required. Up to two - lines available for Rank - Full Name- **maximum** of 15 characters on each line - including spaces. Visit Memorial to view Pavers for engraving ideas. **Please PRINT all letters.**

BRANCH of SERVICE: (circle one)
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PAYMENT METHOD:
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 \$ _____
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Signature and Date... & MAIL completed application to: **AWMF** - (address above)
All Pavers Ordered will be Engraved in the New Walk of Honor.
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A reminder to our Members & Dinner Guests:

We are a non-profit service organization.

Therefore - Absolutely NO politics - political discussions or political comments anytime. Not at our dinner tables or at Anytime during our meeting. Leave it at the door - when you are at a meeting please. Again, as a non-profit / non-political service organization & must protect our status & do not want to violate - our by-laws or jeopardize our state & federal status in any manner. We appreciate your cooperation and support. Thank You for helping.

As Veterans we Proudly fought for Peace & Freedom around the World - making it Safe & Free at Home.



Your support makes all the difference in the moments they live for.

Save the Date

APRIL 13, 2019
Annual Sentinels Gala

Blackhawk Museum
Danville, California

Commemorating the
United States Air Force



DUBLIN CAMP PARK MILITARY HISTORY CENTER

NEW EXHIBIT

PARKS AIR FORCE BASE: 1951-1959

November 9, 2018 – May 10, 2019

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Visitor Center

Building 275, just before the Main Gate checkpoint

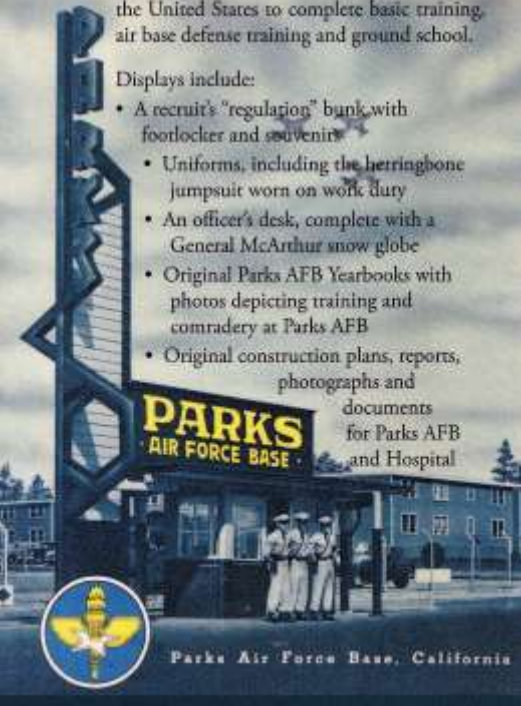
Off Dougherty Road at Camp Parks Boulevard

Free admission

Parks Air Force Base was one of the few U.S. air bases without a runway. The Dublin location was a training center and overseas replacement depot during the Korean War. The first group of airmen arrived here in the summer of 1951, and mass training began in March 1952, with new recruits arriving from all over the United States to complete basic training, air base defense training and ground school.

Displays include:

- A recruit's "regulation" bunk with footlocker and souvenirs
- Uniforms, including the herringbone jumpsuit worn on work duty
- An officer's desk, complete with a General McArthur snow globe
- Original Parks AFB Yearbooks with photos depicting training and comradery at Parks AFB
- Original construction plans, reports, photographs and documents for Parks AFB and Hospital



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ENCAMPMENT COORDINATOR

Hard-working, but requires frequent pee breaks and constant supervision to stay on task. Used to disrespectful insults and daily floggings. Current owners are motivated to sell due to subpoenas, restraining orders, parole violations, customer outrage and a desire to skip town and duck out on anticipated bills.

For pricing information contact present owners:

Mike Weber at 867-5309 or Jerry Yahiro at BEechwood 4-5789

**12th Annual
Las Positas College
Honoring Veterans Day**

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE
1951-2018



VNVDV Member *December Birthdays*

Harry Stonelake	Navy	Chelle Clements	Army
Floyd Cox	Army	Mike McDaniel	USMC
David Koury	Navy	Patrick Pralle	Navy
Gene Cota	Air Force	Ron Lowe	Army
Cliff DeCuir	Army	Bill LaVigne	Army
	James Taylor	Army	

New Member: Robin Lemmo - Navy PBR

Thanks to our November Speakers - Keith Hedley, Mark Epperson and Tom Constable speaking about the history of the USS Hornet to include service during the Vietnam conflict.

Hornet Beginnings...

- Hornet CV-12 (the one in Alameda)
 - Commissioned November 1943
 - Major contributor to the war effort during 15 months in the combat zone
 - No Korean War time
 - 3 Gulf of Tonkin Deployments 1965-1969
 - Recovery ship for Apollo 11 & 12
 - Mothballed 1970 - 1995
 - Sold for Scrap ...
 - Opened as the USS Hornet Museum 1998



USS Hornet in the Gulf of Tonkin

- CV-12 has become the CVS-12
 - No Longer a front-line Attack Carrier (CVA or CVAN)
 - Her role is that of an ASW carrier
 - Major contribution during the Viet Nam War
 - Search-and-Rescue
 - Patrol Aircraft (e.g., S-2 Tracker)
 - Helicopters
 - HS-2 Squadron has 25 air crew rescues on record



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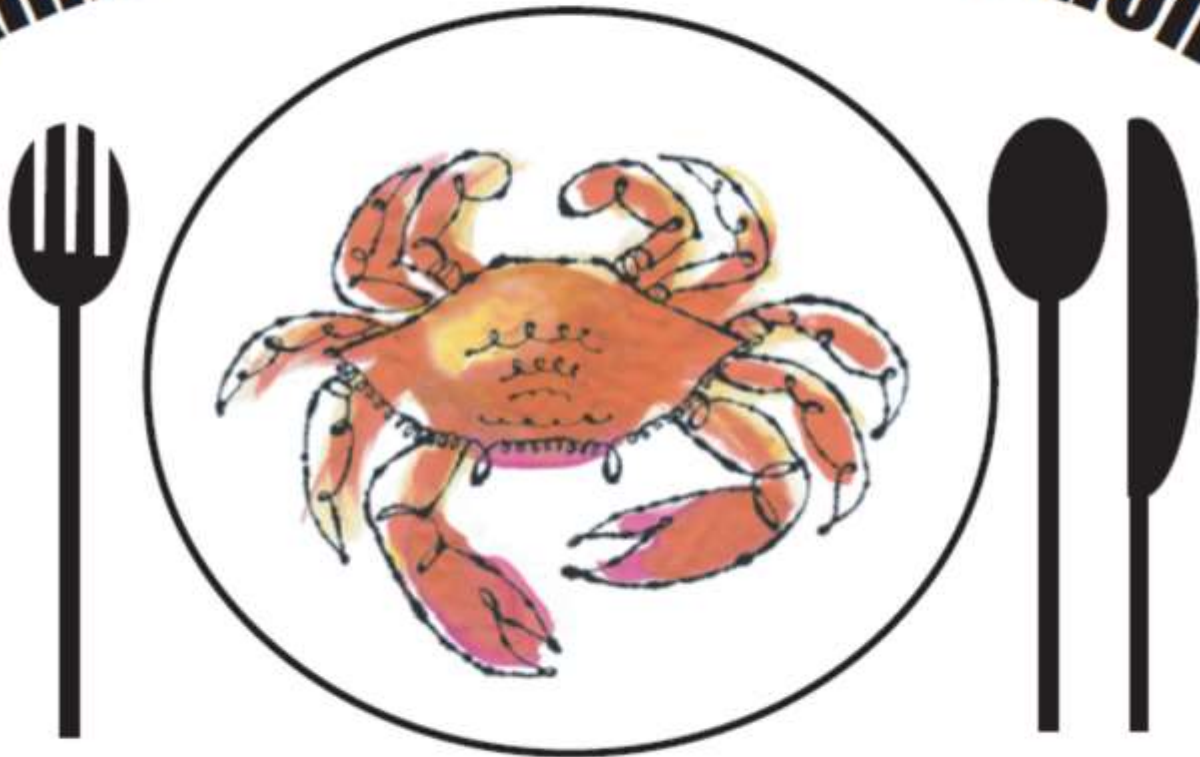
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Annual Crab Feed & Auction



Febuaury 3, 2019

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

\$45.00 per person - Doors open at 1:00 PM

Buy a Ticket Today!

*Watch the Super Bowl on the big screen,
eat fresh crab, Silent Auction, support your local veterans.*

**We could use your support. Please donate
an item for auction.**

Help Obtain Donations for "Super Sunday" Charity Crab Feed Silent Auction

VNVDV Suggested Auction Items

- Restaurant Dinner/Lunch for Two-Four persons - Gift Cards/Gift Certificates
- Retail Merchandise Gifts/Gift Cards/Gift Certificate
- Gift Baskets from Professional/Service Businesses
- Wines – Cases, Large Format Bottles, Premium Bottles, Tour & Tastings for four or more
- Special Spirits – Whiskey, Scotch, Vodka, Gin, Tequila
- Professional Services from any service industry business
- Golf Foursomes with Cart from any local golf course
- Tickets to Events – Pro Sports, Plays, Music or other events
- VIP Unique Donations – Special one of a kind items like Tours/Events/Merchandise
- Hotel/Resort Packages – Overnight stays with dinner for Two or more
- Sports Memorabilia – Autographed Photos, equipment, Personal Items
- Personal Hosting of a Special Event at a Home/Business
- Military Memorabilia- any branch or era (very Popular)
- Travel – Airline Tickets/Mileage Coupons

Use your imagination, reach out to your family and friends for help and donation ideas. Just ask, believe it or not most local business want to support our organization. Supporting the local community keeps local businesses connected to their customers. The same idea works for businesses in general. Successful businesses donate to non-profits. It's good for their business and an important part of their marketing plan.

Thank you in advance for your support!

GOAL:
"EVERYONE"
OBTAINS
"ONE"
DONATION

DONATIONS - IT'S EASY ...
Reference List above & use with Donation Request Letter
Take to Business YOU frequent. Present Letter to Manager/Owner
ASK for their Support. Have Donation Receipt
Sign - Obtain Donation - Thank

Crab Feed Tickets on Sale NOW!

Available at Christmas Dinner check-in.

"Super Sunday" Crab Feed Tickets - \$45

INTERESTED IN AN ENTIRE TABLE OF EIGHT - GET IT NOW!

Donations Needed for Silent Auction & Raffle -

Contact Donation Chair Jim Murphy @ 925 / 858-2618

VNVDV PRESIDENT
BILL GREEN RECEIVES
TOWN AWARD OF MERIT



December 2018

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announce their 15th annual charity fund-raiser & we respectfully request your support for this event. On **“Super Sunday” - February 3, 2019**, we will hold our annual **“Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed**, proudly honoring all those who served. This fundraiser will be at the Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue in the Town of Danville, beginning at 1PM.

We look forward to your business support for this important event with donated merchandise, gift certificates or gift cards to promote your business and/or services. Your generous donation will be used in our Silent Auction or Super Raffle held during the **2019 Charity Crab Feed fund raiser**.

VNVDV are an independent, “grass-roots”, non-profit & tax-exempt, 501(c)19, *Veteran’s Service Organization*, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. With a motto: **“Proudly We Served”** and **proudly continue to serve our community and veterans...** through your support of this annual event.

Funds raised through our **Charity Crab Feeds** support local veteran, active-duty military, non-profit community-service events & projects / programs we conduct/support or sponsor throughout the year - *including...*

- East Bay Stand Down – *Homeless Vet Support*
- Memorial Day Remembrance at Oak Hill Park
- 4th of July Parade – Danville - *Flag Distribution*
- Veteran’s Day Program - San Ramon Valley
- The VNVDV Speaker’s Bureau – *over 75,000 reached*
- Operation Welcome Home – *Returning Veterans*
- Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor” *for our Veterans*
- Blue Star Moms Support– *Troop Care Packages*
- Sentinels of Freedom Scholarships
- GWOT Veteran Retreat – *Duck Club Weekend*
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- Wheelchair Foundation – *Support/Distribution*
- Operation Santa Claus – *Supporting Active-duty*
- Veteran Memorial Building – *Museum Docent*

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, & our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our organization, visit our website at www.VNVDV.org – or contact us below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our **2019 “Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed** and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs.

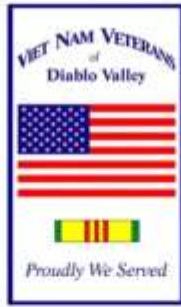
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV - P. O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - WEBSITE: www.VNVDV.org - E-MAIL: VNVDV1@gmail.com
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit veteran’s organization / corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from federal (IRC 501c) & state (RTC 23701w) income tax



Date: _____

DONATION RECEIPT

To: _____

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

Your Donation Details

\$ - Value

_____	_____
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_____	_____

The money raised through our all-volunteer **2019 Charity Crab Feed**, will help support local veteran projects, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts & proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your generous support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

Coordinator
Crab Feed Donation Committee 2019
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Contact:

Treasurer Michael Slattengren - Telephone: (925) 837-6238 E-Mail: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

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Print multiple copies of Letter & Receipt & carry in your car for VNVDV Donations



A person dies twice: once when they take their final breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken.

Wreaths Across America in conjunction with the Blue Star Moms join to lay Christmas wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried in the Alamo Cemetery. December 15th at noon 912 El Portal, Danville, this annual event brings us together to honor those fallen service men and women who gave the ultimate for our freedoms.



CONTRA COSTA BLUE STAR MOMS
 DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO DIED WHILE FIGHTING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Dedication of Memorial
 In Honor of the
 Olympic High School
 Students Who Lost Their Lives
 While Fighting the
 Global War on Terrorism

Olympic High School, Concord
 November 14, 2018



PFC Scott G. Barnett
 United States Army
 10 November 1985 – 28 January 2010

PFC Benjamin T. Zieske
 United States Army
 23 May 1985 – 3 May 2006



"I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER" said member **Dennis Peterson** as he drove in over the pass to the VMB. **"IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME - AFTER SEEING THE BIG GUY DOING TAKE-OFFS & TRIAL RUNS NEAR TRACY GETTING READY FOR BIG DAY."**



VETERANS
Free Vaccines & Wellness Exams
for Your Pets



MARTINEZ VA

DEC 14
9 AM to
12:30

DEC 28
9 AM to
12:30



ARF's Mobile Clinic visits the Martinez VA & Livermore VA on an ongoing basis each month to perform **FREE** wellness exams, give vaccinations, and answer questions about basic pet wellness for veterans. Cats and dogs only and limit 2 [two] pets per veteran.

Services are provided at **NO COST** to Veterans presenting military ID / VA Health care photo ID.

Dogs Must be on-leash and under control at All Times. Cats must be in carriers. Wait times may vary; please wear comfortable clothes. Water will be provided for **PEOPLE AND PETS. ARF'S MOBILE CLINIC WILL BE STATIONED** in the Parking Lot area. Clinics always on Fridays.

Veterans can now schedule optometry and audiology appointments without a referral from their Primary Care Doctor.

For more information or to schedule an appointment today.

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After visiting the VA - Can no longer tell her I did not see her... also using the 'I can't hear you' won't work



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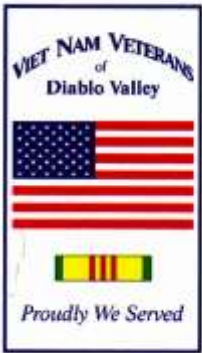
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."



John T.J. Trujillo
Director of Procurement

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"T.J." has the new VNVDV Coffee Mugs that have been prepared for the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley... **Nice! Order your set from TJ**

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"



Looking for a unique holiday gift? Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

The Viet Nam Veterans made 2 distribution trips in 2006 & in 2012 to Viet Nam - providing freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

We Thank David Behring & Joel Hodge for your support of VNVDV & our two amazing el-chair distribution trips to Vi-

The VNVDV is planning on filling a container of Wheelchairs for distribution in Vietnam. Be a part of this exciting VNVDV project!

Viet Nam 50th Commemoration Honors our Viet Nam War Veteran Members

VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP Special 50th VN Commemoration - Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.

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

All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands
The New Paver Section Opens JAN 2019
Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member or patriot with a special AWM Paver Tribute!
New Walkway of 600+ Pavers to Open \$300.
Custom Engraving is performed Spring & Fall. Take time to visit the AWM - then the website for an application form. Order your AWM Paver
www.AllWarsMemorial.org
Questions? See link on AWM Website

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

Veterans Day Ceremony at San Ramon Valley High School 2018

HONOR OUR VETERANS



Helping Others in a time of Need

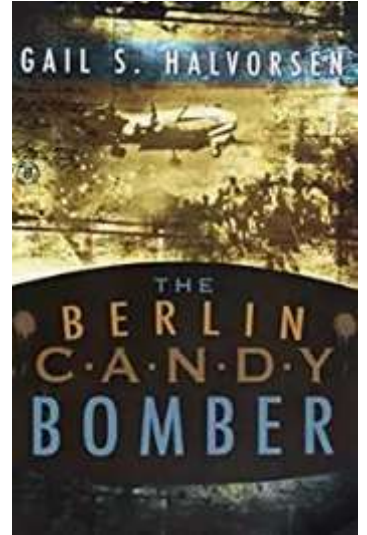
Veterans Day Observance - November 12, 2018



The Veterans Day Ceremony theme for 2018 is Helping Others in a time of Need.

Mike Doyle, Mayor Emeritus of Danville presented his personal experiences while participating as an Air force Sergeant during the Berlin Airlift.

Of specific interest is his personal contact with "The Candy Bomber", Col. Gail Halvorsen, Commander of the Airlift Force. Through the years Mike has made contact with The Children of Berlin who were recipients of the Candy Bomber's parachuted candy gifts dropped from his C54 while crossing the end of the run way. A number of the Kids of Berlin attended and spoke at the program.



Third Thursday of the Month Lunch Group Honoring WWII Veterans Featured VNVDV Speaker Jim Hill for the November Meeting



Jim Hill will be January 2019 VNVDV Meeting Speaker

VNVDV Color Guard marched in the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade



Pleasanton's
Veterans Day Parade
4 Nov. 2018, 1pm



Contra Costa Board of Supervisors Salute to Veterans & Veteran Service Organizations

Honoring 100 Years of Veterans Day



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Chambers
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
11:00 a.m.



You are invited to the 4th annual
VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST


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



Veterans Memorial Building Historical & Educational WWI and Tet Offensive Military Displays - Veterans Day 2018



Update Information on VETERANS' VOICES.



VETERANS' VOICES

Watch 7pm Mondays

A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

Join us live on the 3rd Monday of every month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans. Veterans' Voices provides a platform for all veterans, their family, and their caregivers to get support and learn about valuable resources and events in the community.

Hosted by:
Nathan D. Johnson, County Veterans Service Officer
Kevin Graves, CalVet LINC & Gold Star Parent

Watch live every 3rd Monday at 7pm on CCTV, or streaming:
www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices
Call in Live: (925) 313-1170

facebook @VeteransVoices1

CCTV

Contra Costa TV is channel 32 on Astound, channel 27 on Comcast, and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

The Show Must Go On!

VETERANS' VOICES NEEDS YOUR HELP TO STAY ON THE AIR

Our fundraising group Friends of Veterans' Voices is now taking donations. Your donation will continue to provide valuable resources and information to our veteran population in Contra Costa County and throughout the Bay Area.

Earn a seat in our live studio audience, your name in our credits, or see your organization featured on our show!

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Make Checks Payable To:
Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation
P.O. Box 2133
Danville, CA 94526

CCTV

When making out your check please write "Veterans' Voices" in the memo line.

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 Airls 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 important Veteran Events in the East Bay



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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 FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE - DROP-IN
ARF Mobile Veteran Pet Exam Van Monthly!
Get your Veteran Certification for DMV License

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?

Monthly Show Topics IMPORTANT to VETERANS & Recently Discharged/Returning VETS SUPPORT Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer

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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Contra Costa County

10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
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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
(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785
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Final Day - December 15th

THE TOWN OF DANVILLE PRESENTS

CONFLICT AND COMPASSION

Through the Eyes of a Veteran

November 1 - December 15, 2018

Exhibition Opening Reception:

Thursday, November 1 | 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Compass and a Camera, A Year in Vietnam

Presentation by Steven Burchik
Thursday, November 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Featuring portraits by
Veterans from ABOUTFACE

Exhibiting Artist:

Steven Burchik,

Tim Dallas and Jim Hardy

Guest Curator: Tim Dallas

Live musical performance
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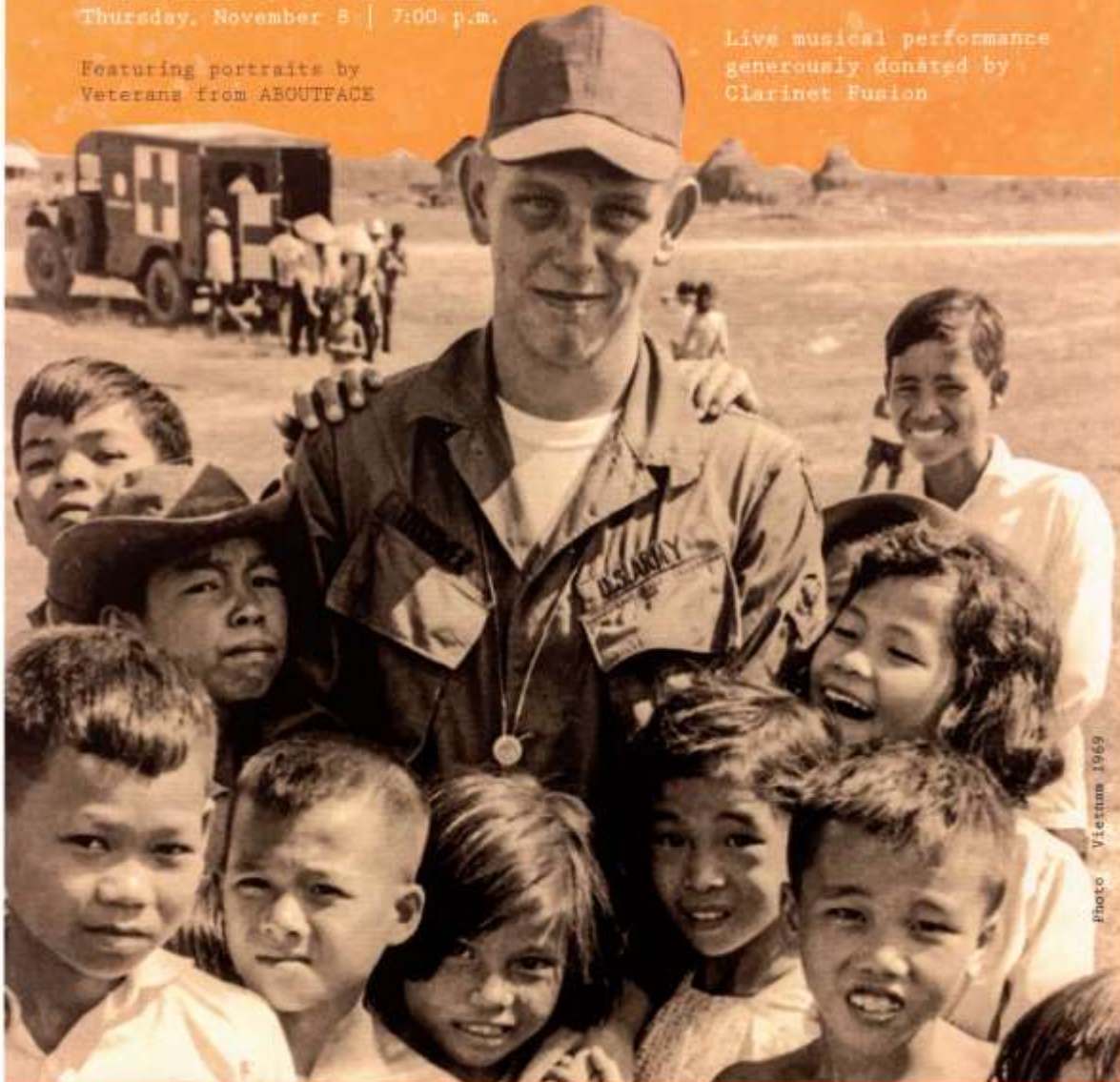


Photo - Vietnam 1969



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Village Theatre Art Gallery 235 Front Street, Danville

USCG - ALAMEDA... A LONG TIME FRIEND & SUPPORTER OF EBSD BAY AREA COMMISSIONING OF A RESPONSE CUTTER NEEDS LOCAL SUPPORT



Committee for Commissioning USCGC ROBERT WARD (WPC-1130)



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Dear Coast Guard Supporter,

We are asking you to be part of something special! The Coast Guard has asked us - Navy League, USCG supporters and the San Francisco Bay Area maritime community - to sponsor the commissioning of their new Fast Response Cutter USCGC ROBERT WARD. The commissioning is planned for February 2, 2019, in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We have an incredible opportunity to make a difference, and to show our continued appreciation for the 24/7 protection of our nation's ports and waterways, as well as providing for the ROBERT WARD and her crew.

FRCs are 154-foot multi-mission vessels with a crew of 24. Each has a range of 2,500 miles and is equipped for patrols of up to five days. Designed to conduct drug and migrant interdictions, port, waterway and coastal security operations, fisheries and environmental protection patrols, defense missions and search and rescue. They have been described as a computer in a ship's hull with the ability to see over the horizon.

Please be part of this important event! Take an ownership interest in the first day of life for USCGC ROBERT WARD. Share the pride when this beautiful cutter comes to life and joins the Coast Guard fleet.

I'm asking you and to own part of USCGC ROBERT WARD by contributing **\$10, \$20, \$50 or more** (see enclosure). All donations are tax-deductible (EIN: 94-3018183) and will be listed in the donor program. Here is an opportunity to make a difference. Let's send the USCGC ROBERT WARD and her crew to sea with our support and gratitude.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jody Breckenridge in black ink.

VADM Jody Breckenridge, USCG (ret)
Chair, Commissioning Committee

Handwritten signature of Jeanne Sharkey in black ink.

Jeanne Sharkey
NLUS National Director Emeritus

Questions: Contact Jeanne Sharkey Phone (925) 228-1375 Email bjsharkeyiii36@gmail.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL? THE USCG IS COMMISSIONING RESPONSE CUTTER... USS WARD



Committee for Commissioning USCGC ROBERT WARD (WPC-1130)



USCGC ROBERT WARD is one of four Fast Response Cutters that will be homeported in California. Featuring advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment as well as over-the-horizon response boat deployment capability, the FRC has been described as an operational "game changer" by senior Coast Guard officials. The FRC will enable the Coast Guard to meet the 21st century demands working with partner agencies to protect our global supply chain, disrupt transnational criminal organizations that smuggle drugs and traffic humans into our nation, and keep our waterways safe and secure as well as helping to strengthen our security and emergency response capabilities in the Eastern Pacific.

USCGC ROBERT WARD's motto "Heroism Under Fire" is inspired by its namesake Robert Gratton Ward. Ward served as coxswain of a landing craft in the first wave of landing operations against the enemy on Cotentin Peninsula as part of the invasion of Normandy during WWII. Ward successfully landed his troop personnel despite heavy enemy opposition. Upon retracting from the beach, he observed the stranded crews from two other landing craft whose boats had been destroyed by enemy mortar fire. Ward returned to the beach, took off both crews despite continued shelling and returned safely with them to his ship. Ward was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action against the enemy.

Levels of Support and Recognition

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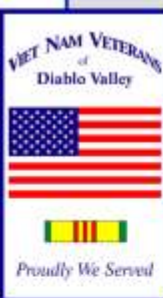
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The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday of every month** at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

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
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MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

1st THURSDAY of each Month

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

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