



INCOMING NEWS



JAN 2018

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Going Fast! Got Yours?

DONATIONS NEEDED for Silent Auction... Can You Help?



Bill Green
VNVDV
President
2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year's

Happy New Year to all members – supporters & sponsors!! I am so honored to have served in the position of President of the **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** for the past two-years with your hard work – volunteer efforts and support. I am now extremely fortunate to be entering a **third year** as President of this outstanding Veteran Service Organization with your backing & support. Thank you - together we can exceed objective!

I personally thank the membership for their trust & faith in me to lead them & to serve as your President in the greatest Veteran Service Organization in the bay area! Looking back at all the amazing things that together we as an organization, have accomplished for Veterans – our military serving today & our community... I hope each of you feel the **PRIDE** I feel & you feel the same in your hearts & minds... for a job very well done!

The amount of Veterans & Veteran/Service groups that you have reached out & partnered with - supported - volunteered for - worked with is a testimony to your love for the Veteran community. I am so proud that you have allowed me to be part of this organization and I'm looking forward to what we can do **together** in 2018!

December was a fun time starting with our *Appreciation & Recognition Christmas Holiday Dinner Gala* with near 160 members & guest attending. We greatly appreciate your outstanding support providing new/unwrapped toys & store gift cards for "*Operation Santa Claus*" to aid in support of active-duty military family children / Gold Star family children & seriously Wounded Warrior family children. We Thank You for your generosity! The *Crow Canyon Country Club* dinner was excellent & with holiday music by Singers from *San Ramon Valley High School* – who have entertained for twenty + years.

Because of **Phillips 66 SFR "Walk of Honor"** for our Veterans & their Community Service - the VNVDV is fortunate enough to provide financial support for a wide variety of vetted projects to worthy organizations including: *the Blue Star Moms* - Chapter 101, **Pat Levy**, and *Blue Star Moms* - Chapter 20, **Carol Prell**.

Members - Supporters & Friends:

We urgently need your personal support to obtain Donations for our "Super Sunday" - FEB. 4th **2018 event! Final Countdown...** Help us Obtain Needed Donations

Less than Two Weeks to go!

All Donations go to Jim Murphy - bring to meeting & for Tickets contact **Treasurer Mike "Slatts" Slat-tengren @ 925 / 837-6238**

Ideas & Donation Letter for Merchants provided in this edition of the *Incoming*

THE JAN INCOMING

Featured in this edition:

Crab Feed Donation Letter - Receipt & Idea List in this Edition

Donation Urgently needed for Silent Auction & Super Raffle Please help & do your part! THANKS

MERCHANT DONATIONS NEEDED THIS MONTH FOR AUCTION

GIFT BASKETS THEME ITEMS UNIQUE

January Speaker



Mr. Bernie Rosner was raised in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish family and is a survivor of both the Auschwitz and Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camps. The only member of his family to survive World War II, he traveled to the United States in 1948 and became a U.S. citizen in 1953.

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

Again this year we are honored to assist fellow Veterans using services through both the **Concord Vet Center** - Director **Jeff Jewell** & our **Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office**, **Nathan Johnson, VSO** with special financial support to support Veterans with certain needs. We also provided a financial pledge to the **Blue Star Moms** to provide funding for the next *Memorial* to be installed at an east bay high school with a fallen service member since 9/11. We provided a donation to an orphanage in VietNam that some members are active in following/upkeep & care of students. Our final appreciation & recognition financial support went to the "Sentinels of Freedom" *Scholarship Foundation* towards a "sponsorship" supporting their 2018 Gala.

Annually we honored a number of very worthy individuals at this special dinner. This year... Not one, but **THREE** (3) "**Volunteers of the Year**" awards for their endless work for veterans activities during the year. Recognition went to: **CHELLE CLEMENTS - JIM MURPHY & ART GASKINS**. The next level above volunteer is our "**Veteran of the Year**" recognition which this year went to: **CHRIS MEZZAPELLE** - for all that he does for us, the AmVets, the Warriors Watch Riders, and transporting the UH-1 educational "HUEY" for events & parades. He is a busy man.

Finally our most revered award, The **Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award**, handed out by Gary himself. Except this year, at the last minute due to the threatening fires near Santa Barbara... Gary called us & informed he had to stay for evacuate from his residence. This was last minute and unfortunately was not able to attend our dinner. He was missed and so many passed along their best wishes to Gary. A true legend! We hear his home is safe. Recognized this year for this high award is *one continuous hard working Veteran who serves everyone in need* - a Past President & original *East Bay Stand Down* Co-Director: **MIKE WEBER**. EBSD Director Jerry Yahiro presented this high honor to Mike at this year's dinner. A **BIG** Congratulations to you Mike from all of us!!!

Then came **Operation Santa Claus**, & almost 100 families & 300+ kids, it was a really Great party! I can't give enough praise to all those that worked so hard on this event & a special thanks to **Andeavor** for their unbelievable generosity & support which makes the whole day possible. This is their main Community Service project giving back to active-duty military. The New Year has begun and **there is very little time to obtain the needed donations** for our Crab Feed. I truly need the support of all members & patriots for our Super Sunday Crab Feed on Feb. 4th. This is our fundraiser for the year, and like everything else, it takes a lot of support to make it successful, so I'm asking for your help. The money that we make during this event allows us to do some special things during the year. This coming dinner meeting, bring the donations you have obtained to the meeting to turn-in. Also purchase your tickets if you plan to attend. **BRING YOUR DONATIONS.**



Bill
"BILL" Green
President 2018
PH: 925 / 683 - 3293

2018 Crab Feed Merchant & Business Donation Request Letter & Donor Receipts available at the JAN. Dinner Meeting & also included in this issue of the **INCOMING** News.

Pick-up or copy - keeping a request letter with you to use for soliciting merchant donations for our Crab Feed at any time.

A donation idea list of items to request + 2018 Crab Feed poster for you to copy - use & keep in your car to ask local businesses you frequent in you neighborhood. **It's easy... just ask**

Please remind everyone including supporters of the need to request & obtain donations for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed to be held on Sunday - FEB. 4th!

2018 CRAB FEED is a FUNDRAISER

Have you got your tickets yet? **Crab FEED TICKETS GOING FAST! DON'T BE LEFT OUT... ONLY 160 TICKETS will be sold - all in advance.**

This is the largest VNVDV sponsored fundraiser each year & we need all members & supporters to dig in & participate to make it a success.

Purchase & Donate tickets for our Military!

If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event. Please do your part!

Donation Request Letter & receipt are in this newsletter edition with poster & idea list.

Keep it with you and use them.



APPRECIATION DINNER HONORS & RECOGNIZES EAST BAY CONTRIBUTORS DEDICATED TO SERVING OUR VETERANS



VNVDV's Highest Recognition the...
Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award Presented to Past President Mike Weber



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award
CHELLE CLEMENTS - Website



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award
JIM MURPHY - Auction & Membership



Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award
VNVDV's Past Recipients with Mike Weber



LIFE MEMBERSHIP
MIKE HOFFSCHNEIDER



VETERAN of the YEAR
CHRIS MEZZAPELLE



LIFE MEMBERSHIP
MIKE HAMPTON - GWOT Weekend Duck Club Retreat



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
JERRY WHITING - AUTHOR



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR
ART GASKINS - VMB



WALK OF HONOR FLAG PRESENTATION
AIMEE LOHR AND PAUL ADLER
CAPITOL FLAG FLOWN ON ARMED FORCES



Additional Appreciation & Recognition & SUPPORT by the VNVDV went to:
Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Blue Star Moms - Chapter 20 and 101
Concord Vet Center - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - AMVETS Huey Display -
Warriors Watch Riders - all other VMB/SRV Veteran Service Organizations

OPERATION WELCOME HOME

From: Bryan Welden – **Diablo Valley Flag Brigade** [mailto:bryanwelden@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 18:24

To: **ALL VETERANS – MILITARY – PATRIOTS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS**

Subject: Operation Welcome Home Celebration, US Army **1st. Sgt. Jeremie Michael Wickman** in Martinez

Operation Welcome Home is organizing the *first* Military Welcome Home of the new year. This is a very short notice event – please pass the word to all your VSO members to attend.

H o n o r i n g- 1st Sgt Jeremie Michael Wickman, U.S. Army

W h e n - Saturday - Jan. 6th at - 1:30PM

W h e r e- 526 Dorothy Lane - Martinez, CA. 94553

Diablo Valley Flag Brigade's FIRST WELCOME HOME OF THE NEW YEAR... JOIN US!

The **Warriors' Watch Riders** and all VSOs have been invited to join together and help celebrate a huge military milestone in 1st Sgt. Jeremie Wickman's life... the completion of his 20-year career in the United States Army and the beginning of a new phase of his life in Martinez.

Jeremie joined the Army on 10-16-1997 and did his basic training in Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was part of the Ranger Regiment from April 1998 to December 2003 during Ranger Regiment he earned his Parachutist & Jump Master Badge.

He was promoted to the rank of E-5 in 1998 and then to E-6 in 2003. He served as a Recruiter from Feb 2004 to March 2007 during which he earned a Gold Recruiter Badge w/ 3 Star Sapphires & Silver Basic Recruiting badge w/ 3 Gold Achievement Stars

He left his role in recruited and joined the 1st Infantry Division from April 2007 to Sept 2009 before serving with the Ranger Training Battalion from 2010-2012. During this timeframe he was promoted to the rank of E-7 in 2008 and held this rank until his final promotion to E-8 on Dec 8, 2011 where he took 1SGT position in CAV on Fort Hood.

After 25 years at CAV he finished his career as an ROTC/Military Instructor at University of San Francisco. He will be officially retired on 3/31/2018.

During his years of service, he has been on **four separate tours: Afghanistan** 2001, 2002, 2009 & **Iraq** in 2003 during which he earned **Campaign medals, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, NATO medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and National Defense Service medal.**

During his extensive military career, Jeremie married his lovely wife Victoria in 2015 and has two daughters which are his pride and joy. They moved to Martinez, CA in 2015 and are happy to call it home. His hobbies include hiking, traveling, his x-Box and trying new places to eat.

Please join **ALL East Bay VSOs** as we celebrate this milestone in Jeremie's life and let him know how much his community appreciates his dedication and service to our Nation.



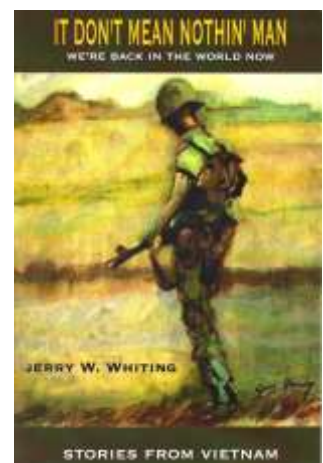
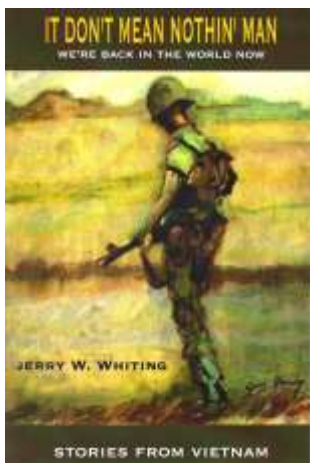
ANDEAVOR - BLUE STAR MOMS CHAPTER 101

VNVDV - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Supported & Hosted **“OPERATION SANTA CLAUS”**



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"
Available at our monthly dinner meetings



Our local Mickey Ganitch member of the "Third Thursday of the Month" WWII Veteran lunch group and past Speaker at VNVDV was honored at the White House on December 7, 2017 for recognition of Pearl Harbor Survivors. Mickey took the opportunity to sing "Remember Pearl Harbor" for the President and guests on national TV.



Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR
 As we go to meet the foe.
 Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR
 As we did the Alamo.
 We will always remember how they died for
 Liberty.
 Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR
 And go on to victory."



SAT Morning Veterans Social Coffee in Danville every week - Join fellow Veterans each Saturday 9AM until 12PM at Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
 Join hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskins - Lee Halverson in the Lounge at our Veterans Memorial Building
 Join Us for a few minutes or an hour - Just Drop In - Say Hi!

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

Last month, 12,000 veterans began shopping at the military exchanges by way of a "beta test." The beta test allowed veterans' to test the new online exchange shopping experience, which will open for millions of honorably discharged veterans on **Veterans Day Nov. 11th**. All veterans are being encouraged to confirm veteran eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>. It might be a multi-step process if the Defense Manpower Data Center lacks information to verify that a veteran served and received an honorable discharge.

A reminder - absolutely NO politics or political comments at our dinner tables or meeting. We are a non-profit service organization & do not want to violate our by-laws or jeopardize our state & federal status.

OVER 140 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2017 APPRECIATION DINNER & ENJOYED A GREAT DINNER & GALA EVENING



VNVDV Supported the Concord Vet Center Staff & their Annual Holiday Party for Veteran Families



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VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER
 in Danville - 400 Hartz Ave. Open every Wednesday from 10 to 2 for Veterans & family members. Schedule a **“benefit check-up”** - Call our County VSO in Martinez: **925/ 313-1481** for appointment

The Fishing Opportunity of a Lifetime!



Less than one-month to obtain your opportunity!

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
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\$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



VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley supported & participated in Alamo



CHRISTY'S DONUTS



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VNVDV Member *January* Birthdays

Ron Allen	Marine	Bill Kiper	Navy
Alan Perry	Navy	Arthur Gaoiran	Army
Joseph Roberts	Army	Ray La Rochelle	Navy
Bill Hawkins	Army	Rich Lee	Army
Jerry Carlson	Army	Gerald Raver	Army
Tom Crews	Navy	Carey Battersby	Army
	Tim Sammons	Navy	

VSO Christmas Coffee Dec 23, 2017. Thanks to Art Gaskins and his team for a festive gathering.



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*Help Support
Veterans' Voices*

Congratulations on December Live Performance with Audience Participation

**VETERANS' VOICES
LIVE!**
December 18, 2017
California Theatre, Pittsburg
doors open at 5:30pm
925-427-1611
www.pittsburgcaliforniatheatre.com

**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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JIM MURPHY Donation Coordinator for our Annual 2018 "Super Sunday" Crab Feed needs **EVERYONE'S** support.
Flyers & Donation Letter & Receipt
included in this edition of the news.

USE the special Crab Feed Donation Request Letters & Donation Receipts Now available at our Dinner Meetings & also included in this edition of our newsletter—plus it is available on-line at: www.VNVDV.org Pick-up a copy of both at dinner or print a copy from the newsletter or our website & keep with you in your car & to use when shopping and to provide to merchants you frequent to obtain a donation for Crab Feed.

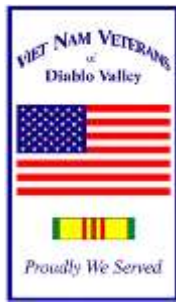
It's easy... When out shopping - present our "donation letter" to a business you frequent & request a donations. for our Sun - Feb 4th Charity Crab Feed.
But... You have to ASK!
If EVERY MEMBER & Supporter would obtain just ONE donation from a local merchant - we would have enough donated items for a very successful silent auction.
Please Do Your part & obtain a donation
Please distribute our Donation Request Letters to your local merchants.

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For more information or to schedule an appointment today.
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W. Northern California Health Care Group



November 2017

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 15th annual charity fund-raiser and we respectfully request your support for this event. On Sunday, February 4, 2018, we will hold our annual **“Salute to our Troops”** Super Sunday *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, CA.

We look forward to your business support for this event with donated merchandise/certificates or gift cards promoting your business / services, or ticket sponsorship for military service personnel. Your donation will be used in our Silent Auction or Raffle held during the 2018 *Charity Crab Feed event*, to raise necessary funds to continue our non-**profit organization’s** projects & programs in our local community.

The VNVDV are an independent, “grass-roots”, non-profit & tax-exempt, 501(c)(19), veteran’s service organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. We **“proudly served”** and continue to serve our community and veterans... with your support of this annual event. (*Tax ID number below*).

The money raised through our 2018 Charity Crab Feed will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events - projects & programs that we conduct and support throughout the year - **including...**

- The East Bay Stand Down
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- **Danville’s 4th of July Parade**
- **Danville Veteran’s Day Program**
- **The VNVDV School Speaker’s Bureau**
- Operation Welcome Home
- **Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor”**
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- Diablo Valley Flag Brigade
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus
- Veteran Swim Challenge – **“Take the Rock”**

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.com – or contact us below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2018 **“Salute to our Troops”** Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, and community programs. *Thank you.*

Sincerely,

William “Bill” Green - President
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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) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. The VNVDV is a non-profit organization and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual fund raising event.

Your Donation Details

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The money raised through our 2018 Charity Crab Feed, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

Coordinator
Crab Feed Donation Committee 2018
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

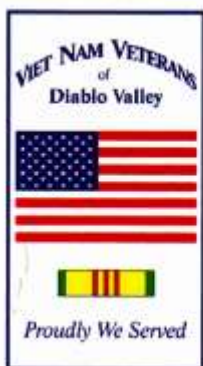
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact "T.J." for all your uniform requirements.



John T.J. Trujillo

Director of Procurement

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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Contact "T.J." to obtain one of the FIRST EDITION Coffee Mugs that have been prepared for the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the

Wheelchair Foundation

"Serving the World"



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

All Wars Memorial Paver

**AWM ENGRAVING ONLY TWO TIMES A YEAR - Only 05 Blank Pavers Remain
Do you have Your AWM Paver Ordered?
Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member with a Paver Tribute! Only - \$250.00**

**Engraving is only performed in the Spring & Fall. Take time to visit the AWM website for an order form & more historical & educational information about all wars.
www.AllWarsMemorial.org**

Please SUPPORT & FOLLOW NEWS from some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - [Open in Danville every Wednesday](#) - call 925 / 313-1481 for Appt.

All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: www.AllWarsMemorial.org

Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: www.MarineClub.com

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: www.SentinelsofFreedom.org

Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org

Blue Star Moms #101 website: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20 website: www.ccbluestarmoms.org

VNVDV website to see more about the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.org

See other website LINKS listed inside this edition of the INCOMING News & on our website.

VISIT THE VMB/SRV's WEBSITE - for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org



Department of
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
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:

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Veterans Service Officer
Contra Costa County

10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553

Tel: (925) 313-1481

Fax: (925) 313-1490

Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us



**Veterans
Services**

Because You Chose To Proudly Serve

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

Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

Contact: Thomas Corbett, Veteran Liaison Officer, LIC# 44629
(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785
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For many Veterans there may come a time when it is necessary for you to go to a hospital. The hospital may be a Department of Veteran Affairs affiliated facility or a local non-affiliated institution. The following guide is an overview of questions you may have.



Questions

What should I do if I need to go to an Emergency Room?

If you suspect you have an emergency medical condition that needs to be addressed, please call the VA telephone Advice Nurse at **1 (800) 382-8387**. The Advice Nurse will be able to direct you to the appropriate resource and document your concerns in your VA Record.

EMERGENCY / URGENT CARE GUIDE For VA S/C VETERANS

Beneficiary Travel
(916) 843-7012

VA Telephone Advice Nurse
1 (800) 382-8387

Community Care Program
1 (707) 562-8430



**VA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

Emergency/Urgent Care
Guide

**IMPORTANT
NEW
EMERGENCY
INFORMATION**



Will I have to pay for my trip to the emergency room?

The question of VA reimbursement has several criteria:

- Was the visit to the Emergency room service connected?
- Any condition, if rated 50% service connection or more.
- Non service connected aggravating a service connected to a service connected condition.
- Any condition of a WWI Veteran.
- Disability discharged from active duty.

**VA MUST BE NOTIFIED
WITHIN 72 HOURS**



The VA sent me to the hospital and now the hospital is billing me. What should I do?

Hospital billing should forward all bills to the VA Northern California Health Care System - Community Care Program at (707) 562-8430/ fax (707) 647-8901 for payment. Please inform the hospital billing department to contact the VA Community Care Program to make sure your other insurance (Medicare, Medi-Cal or private insurance) is not billed. If you do receive a bill, please contact VA Community Care Program immediately to process the claim.



What if I am not service connected? Can I go to an emergency room?

Veterans must meet all of the following criteria:

- Enrolled in VA Healthcare
- Must have been seen at the VA Outpatient clinics or hospital within the last 24 months
- No or some health "coverage"
- No injury sustained by third party
- Disability discharge from active duty
- VA hospital/clinic is not available and must meet the definition of an emergency
- Please file your claim within 90 days

What if I am sent to the hospital by the VA? Will I get an ambulance bill?

Most VA clinics have contracts with local ambulance services. Ambulance reimbursement occurs through BENEFICIARY TRAVEL (BT) (916) 843-7012 throughout Northern California. Some Veterans may still receive a bill from the ambulance service. If you do receive a bill, please contact a (BT) service representative.

I am being discharged home and need home health or equipment what should I do?

Most hospitals have discharge planning. If you are in need of additional services or equipment , the hospital should call Community Care Program at (707) 562-8430 to coordinate discharge plans. All requests must be pre-approved by the VA to avoid additional costs or delays. The VA has 48 hours to consider whether to approve or deny the hospital discharge requests.

**THIS NEW VA
BOOKLET IS
AVAILABLE
AT VMB & VA**



**Are YOU a
LIFE
MEMBER?**

Dear VietNam Veterans

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

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

Thank you for your service.

Joe Callaway

Membership Recruiter

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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

VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

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

Military Service

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

PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Welcome Home Events | <input type="checkbox"/> VNVDV Super Sunday Crab Feed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Ceremony / All Wars Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk of Honor for our Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danville Fourth of July Parade - Flag Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> East Bay Stand Down - Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard & Service Colors / Flag Detail | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday & Other Support for Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Day Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau - High Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors / Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> GWOT Duck Club Retreat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Building Museum / Docent | <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Rock: Veteran Swim Challenge |

Please Visit our Website @ www.VNVDV.com for other Activities & Programs

I PLEDGE MY INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. TO HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS AND OFFER ASSISTANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE. I ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LIABILITY IN ANY ACTIVITY I CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND HOLD HARMLESS THE VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY, ITS MEMBERS AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHOULD ANY MISHAP OCCUR. I PLEDGE TO ABIDE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THE ORGANIZATOION.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please attach a copy of your DD-214 - and a check for Life Membership: \$50 payable to VNVDV

P.O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - PR/INFO: 925 / 935 - 4859 - E-Mail: VNVDV1@gmail.com

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit organization/corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from Federal (IRC 501a) and State (RTC 23701w) income tax

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

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



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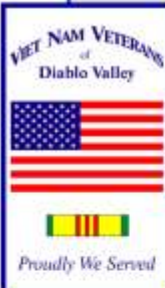
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow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