

INCOMING NEWS



JUN 2018

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Help Distribute 10,000 American Flags with the VNVDV Danville's Kiwanis 4th of July Independence Day Parade



Bill Green
VNVDV
President
2018



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WEDNESDAY

4th of JULY

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Building
of San Ramon Valley

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This Newsletter
is also On-Line at:
www.VNVDV.org

Greetings -

This is the end of May and what a month it has been. First we had the **Walk of Honor**, the *10th annual*, & the best one yet. I could write all day about the event but let me just give you the highlights. First we cannot give enough thanks to **Phillips 66** & to **Paul Adler & Aimee Lohr**, plus the entire crew of volunteers that put the Walk together. Then we can talk about the singing of our National Anthem by **Aimee Lore**, **WOW!** What a surprise and what a voice!! That's her Job from now on. Then we had our guest speaker with an amazing mission - **Janna Hoehn** from Hawaii. Then we saw **Ms. Cindi Pearce, who wore Lt. Bohlig's POW/ MIA bracelet**, return it to the Lt's wife. Lt. Bohlig, who was from Crockett, was declared MIA, body not recovered, August 19, 1969, in the South China Sea. In Ms. Pearce words - *"It is my great honor & privilege to return the bracelet to its rightful place, his wife's wrist."* Then **John Schafgans** sang "God Bless America" & I don't know if there was a dry eye in the house. Our thanks to all the **Exhibitors** at the 2018 Walk.

WALK of HONOR a SUCCESS!



Phillips 66 San Francisco Refinery & Carbon Plant

Management & Employees sponsored the 2018 - 10th annual **WALK of HONOR**. The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley **THANK Phillips 66** for their Sponsorship & special appreciation goes to Public Affairs Manager **Paul Adler & Aimee Lohr** for their support of Veterans & local community on **Armed Forces Day** [3rd Sat in May annually] in Crockett.



June Speaker **Dave (AF) Smith** presenting an overview of his career experiences as a member of the Air Force One Flight Team

Then there's our 27th annual **Memorial Day Remembrance** at Oak Hill Park. Since this was going to be my last **Remembrance** as your President, I wanted it to be *special* and Jerry Yahiro put together a program that knocked my socks off! Starting with the *outstanding* **Danville Community Band** - **EMCEE Richard Lambert**, **Gary Estrella**, who read the Invocation and later the remembrance of our local veterans who have passed away, a Town's Welcome by our **Mayor Newell Arnerich** - **Lee Halvorsen** leading the rifle salute with combined VSO's VFW Post 75 - AL Post 246 - MCL Det 942, Echo Taps played by **Stephen Maris** and **Darryl Witibeck**, and best of all our guest speaker, **Gary Villalba** who's Memorial Day presentation was so moving. *Gary you NAILED IT.*

Lets us remember that this event would not be possible without the hard work of **all of our volunteers** led by **Dennis Peterson**, who picks up & returns the camo cover every year & Slatts - JR - Jon Robbins, - the Town - the Vet Center and ALL the rest. Thank you all, you made it a very a **"Special Day" Remembering!**

During the month **Mike Martin** & the **Speakers Bureau** spoke to almost **5,000 students** from our local High Schools. Thanks Mike.

This month in addition to **"Flag Day"** - the **VA Leadership** hosting a special **"Town Hall"** meeting on **Tuesday - JUN 12 at 5 PM until 7 PM** at **VA Martinez**. I encourage all members & Vets to attend (see flyer). Tell them about **Mare Island Cemetery** & the need for the VA to step in and take over this very sad situation.

Thanks to all for their support of our events in May - a busy month! June will slow down a lot. I will miss the June dinner meeting... so I asked our **VP Dennis Giacobelli** to take over. I will be at our **tenth annual Duck Club Retreat** we sponsor for our GWOT & younger Vets. This year we have 21 of them coming and I'll tell you all about it next month because that's all I have time for right now! Take Care - you have a great speaker this month.

Bill
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President 2016 - 2017 - 2018
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Viet Nam Veterans in 4th of July Parade

The VNVDV annually purchases over 10,000 American Flags - made in the USA to distribute FREE to children & adults along the parade route. Expected are 40+ Thousand 'Cheering' children & community members at the 4th of July Parade in Danville. VNVDV Members - wear your white polo shirt - see "T.J." if you need one... & have the best time distributing free Flags to a very appreciative crowd! Note: We have been requested to muster at 0730 at the south end of SRVHS at Love & Railroad... Look for the 'white' shirts! The Parade Kicks-off at 0900 Hrs. and only takes 30 minutes. Remember - your VNVDV white ball cap - sun screen - water bottle. Check -in with Event Director Jerry Yahiro when you arrive for details / duties. **Parking becomes more difficult the later you arrive & street close early. Plan accordingly & muster on-time. This event is worth it!**

The VFW hosts a BBQ for ALL Veterans from any VSO. This is at the VMB - right after we finish the parade. Walk back down to the VMB and join in the food - drink & friendship before leaving downtown.

President Bill Green hosts a gathering at 1PM of VNVDV members & guests participating in the parade at the plush - but not overly ostentatious Green Estate on Pine Tree Drive in Alamo. All members / guests attending need to bring a salad - side dish or desert to share.

The Parade is one of the most amazing & memorable events you - as a Viet Nam veteran can participate... **It is the "Welcome Home" you may not have received!** Mark your calendar & plan to distribute *free* Flags!

Thank You to all who Supported the

WALK OF HONOR

FOR OUR



VETERANS

Phillips 66 Walk of Honor HUGE Success!



May 19, 2018

Crockett Community Center & Al Zampa Memorial Bridge



Program

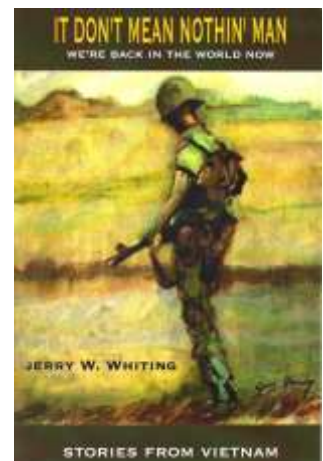
- 8:30 am Registration Begins
- 9:45 am Line starts to the Bridge Head
- 9:55 am Welcome and Recognition of the Fallen Heroes of Contra Costa County by Assemblyman Tom Green
- 10:00 am Walk begins
- 10:30 am Lunch
- 10:40 pm Welcome - Phil Adler, Phillips 66
- 10:45 am National Anthem - Robin Lutz, Phillips 66
- 10:50 am Prayer of Thanksgiving - Dennis Henry, Phillips 66
- 10:55 am POW/MIA Thank Ceremony - Bill Green, VOW/MIA and Mike Koenigsmeyer, VOW/MIA
- 11:00 am U.S. Congressman Mark Thompson - Cass Young
- 11:05 am U.S. Congressman Mark DeBartolomeo's Office - Mary Therese Barry
- 11:10 am California State Senator Bill Dodd
- 11:15 am California State Assemblyman Tom Green's Office - Peter Garcia
- 11:20 am Contra Costa Board of Supervisors - Deputy Public Officer
- 11:30 pm Guest Speeches and Presentation
- 11:35 pm Acknowledgments and Presentation
- 11:40 pm 1st Lieutenant James Richard Bohlig, US Marine Corps
- 11:45 pm Corporal Michael Alan Walsh, US Army
- 11:50 pm Sponsorship by David Alexander Thomas, US Army
- 11:55 pm Mr. Chad Powers presentation to Wall of Honor
- 12:00 pm Live Auction and Raffle
- 12:05 pm Enrichment by POW/MIA Center - Christy



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MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN
SERVICE SINCE 9/11



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JERRY WHITING's
new book about VNVDV
"It don't Mean Nothin' Man
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May 2018 Dinner Meeting Members & Guests



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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

27th Anniversary Memorial Day Remembrance

Sponsored by Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Thank You to all the Supporters ~ Volunteers & Attendees



ALL WARS MEMORIAL to Expand Paver Walkway



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

ALL WARS MEMORIAL PAVER APPLICATION

ALL WARS MEMORIAL



TO ALL WHO SACRIFICED TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM

www.AllWarsMemorial.org

**A New ALL WARS MEMORIAL
Expanded Walkway & Panel Sections with an
Additional 600+ New Pavers
will be Completed in Summer of 2018**

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)

Name of Purchaser _____

Address _____

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

___ **IN MEMORY** (Only for those who died / killed while serving their country / KIA)

___ **IN HONOR** (On first line of all AWM pavers)

NAME (to be shown on Paver) _____

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)

U. S. Army - USMC - U. S. Navy - USAF - USCG - Army/Air Corps - Merchant Marines - National Guard **or PATRIOT** (for non military) SVC Branch is engraved on bottom line.

Organizational PAVER - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$300.00 each (Please attach sheet)

PAYMENT METHOD:

Enclosed Check for: \$ _____

Payable to: **ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - (AWMF)**

Post Office Box 158 - Danville, CA 94526

Charge my: Visa - MasterCard (Please Print clearly)

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature and Date... & MAIL completed application to: **AWMF** - (address above)

All Pavers Ordered will be Engraved in the New Walk of Honor.

View AWM Pavers on-line at: www.AllWarsMemorial.org

Obtain AWM Paver Application on Website at: www.AllWarsMemorial.org

Veteran Service Organizations joined Parents & Families of our Military Recruits for the 2018 "Swearing-in Ceremony"

The Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley

Is proud to present the 2018
Recruit Recognition
and
Swearing-in Ceremony



Sunday, 20 May
Two thousand and eighteen
One o'clock in the afternoon

Hold at the
Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley
Community Hall
115 E. Prospect Avenue,
Dauville, CA 94526



Roll Call of Recruits

- Marines**
Garrett Keeler, California High School
Ethan Lister, California High School
Marian Martinez, California High School
Scott Marrs, California High School
Nicholas Rodgers, California High School
Mason Olvera, Dougherty Valley High School
Zavier Nunez, Dougherty Valley High School
Garrett Barden, San Ramon Valley High School

- Navy**
Shane Land
Jeffrey Galinatti

- Air Force**
Hailey Garcia, California High School
Jamarik Au, Amador Valley High School
Sara Lopez, Livermore High School

Roll Call of Military Academy Appointees

- US Naval Academy**
Andrew Chen, Atherton School
- US Air Force Academy**
Austin D'Ar, California High School





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a new book about the VNVDV

by... Honorary Life Member

JERRY WHITING



A reminder - **absolutely NO politics - political** comments or any political discussions at our dinner tables or meeting. We are a non-profit service organization & must not jeopardize or violate our by-laws or non-profit service organization status with state or federal. **We Thank You for helping.**

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VNVDV Member *June* Birthdays

Gordon Dunne	Army	Dave Turner	Navy
Don Schroeder	Army	Pete Longoria	Marines
Lee Halverson	Marines	Bill Green	Army
Bobby Dunton	Navy	Phillip Simon	Coast Guard
Daniel Miranda	Army	Saber Zell	Marines
Ken Jones	Navy	William Hendley	Air Force
Dave Farkas	Navy	Mark Marcum	Army
Gordon Dunne Army			

Thanks to our May Speaker - Shauna Springer discussing *Dragon's Tail: Long Lasting Psychological Impacts of the Viet Nam War*

The Dragon's Tail: Long-lasting psychological impact of the Vietnam War

Doc Springer
May 2018
Prepared for the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley



The Power of Tribe



What will it take to shoulder
this pain and prevent more
loss of life?



What is a Warrior Box?

A WARRIOR BOX holds tangible
objects and talismans that remind a
Veteran of what he or she lives for.

The WARRIOR BOX is designed to
help all Veterans feel greater
connection with allies and their
own higher values, whether they
wear guns or not, and whether they
ever face times of life-threatening
distress or not.



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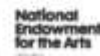
**MAY 5 AND MAY 12 CONCORD VET CENTER
1333 WILLOW PASS RD., CONCORD
JUNE 2 AND JUNE 9 VMB
401 HARTZ, DANVILLE**

New this Year - Families are invited !

The Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County is again offering two-day painting workshops at no cost to all Contra Costa Veterans. No art experience required. Bring your family to join the fun and paint a portrait too! All painting material will be provided.

go to AC5.org for more times & locations

If you are a Veteran living or working in Contra Costa County visit AC5.org
or call (925) 646-2278, or email Staff@AC5.cccounty.us



East Bay Stand Down September 2018
Monthly Information Meetings



Veterans Voices Staff Volunteers

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

WATCH VETERANS' VOICES on CCTV Every Month on the 3rd Monday

Veterans' Voices - our VSO TV Show Airs Live Every 3rd Monday at 7PM.

WATCH every month and call in, text or live chat with the hosts & guests. Be a part of the conversation and you can help other vets who are struggling with the same issue. New topics every month - 3rd Monday!

Veterans' Voices will be broadcast live/online on CCTV every third Monday, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The show is a joint production of the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office & Contra Costa Television (CCTV.) It is underwritten by a grant from the California Department of Veterans Affairs. "Veterans' Voices" airs the third Monday every month at 7:00 p.m. on CCTV. **"VETERANS' VOICES" highlight Veteran programs & events at the end of the show.**

CCTV and Veterans' Voices can be found on Comcast Channel 27, Astound Channel 32 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 throughout Contra Costa County. If you missed this edition... Catch it and all other prior shows or watch the show live online by visiting: <http://www.contracostatv.org/veteransvoices>. **All previous shows are on-demand 24/7 & If your organization can help support an episode of Veterans' Voices - contact Nathan Johnson our County VSO for more info.**

If you know non-profit Foundations supporting "education" - "history" - "military issues" - Veterans, or other - please advise County Service Officer Nathan Johnson - Funding support is needed to continue these CCTV "Veterans' Voices" special monthly TV shows to provide this valuable information for returning veterans & their family members. If you have any TV or production skills or are willing to learn - stop by the CCTV studios on the 3rd Monday prior to the live broadcasting of Veterans' Voices... YOU may be able to help or learn to help & reduce production costs of shows.

Veterans' Voices provides information on all Veteran Events in the East Bay



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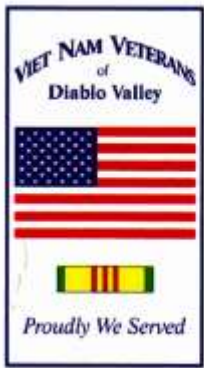
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact "T.J." for all your uniform requirements.



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Director of Procurement

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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

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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 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 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! Now - \$300.00**

Engraving is performed in the Spring & Fall. Take time to visit AWM website for a Paver order form & historical plus educational information about all wars. Engraving by Bras & Mattos Monument 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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SHINGLES VACCINE now available at Martinez VA
VA's GUIDELINES for EMERGENCY & URGENT CARE
Going to the Emergency Room - Who Pays?
New Guide for Service-Connected Urgent Care

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...
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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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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

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For many Veterans there may come a time when it is necessary for you to go to a hospital. The hospital may be a Department of Veteran Affairs affiliated facility or a local non-affiliated institution. The following guide is an overview of questions you may have.



Questions

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

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

EMERGENCY / URGENT CARE GUIDE For VA S/C VETERANS

Beneficiary Travel
(916) 843-7012

VA Telephone Advice Nurse
1 (800) 382-8387

Community Care Program
1 (707) 562-8430



VA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Emergency/Urgent Care Guide

IMPORTANT NEW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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

The question of VA reimbursement has several criteria:

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

VA MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 72 HOURS



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

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



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

Veterans must meet all of the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

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

THIS NEW VA BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE AT VMB & VA

EAST BAY VETERANS TOWN HALL MEETING



*Meet your executive leadership team from VA
Northern California Health Care System, the
Veterans Benefits Administration and the National
Cemetery Administration!*

WHEN? Tuesday, June 12, 2018

WHERE? Behavioral Health (Bldg. 24) Conference Room
150 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

TIME? 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Evening hours just for you!

Opportunity to get your VA questions answered in all areas -
Health Care - Benefit Administration & Cemetery Administration
Elected Officials usually have representatives attending.

A good time to ask questions about the Mare Island Cemetery care & proper upkeep.

Recommend you Car Pool together to the Martinez VA
to attend this important informational and Q & A meeting for Veterans.
Obtaining answers from the Leadership of all three areas of the VA.



EBSD Monthly Info & Planning Meetings
Second Tuesday Monthly - 6 P.M. - Public/Community Welcome
Veterans Memorial Building - 400 Hartz Ave - Danville

All Wars Memorial PAVER Order Form

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____ IN HONOR (for all other pavers)

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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

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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"**

JUN 2018



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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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