

INCOMING NEWS



SEPT 2018



Bill Green
VNVDV
President
2018



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
EBSD Volunteer Sign-up CLOSES SEP 9
3,500 Volunteers Needed - Register Now!
Attend Friday's VNVDV "Wine for Wheels" Party!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

East Bay Stand Down is a community support program providing a helping hand-up... not a hand-out to our Homeless & in-need Veterans at Alameda County Fair-ground SEP. 13 - 16 Volunteer Registration is Open until 9/09. 3,500 Volunteers are needed... Sign-up now in advance on-line. VNVDV is honored to be a Major Sponsor of EBSD 2018. Join us in supporting EBSD

August came to an end, as well as the summer - and it was both good & bad. The VNVDV had a great summer, accomplishing a great deal of activities supporting Veterans & our community. I did also with a couple of great trips, but I also had to deal with the loss of three people close to me and I will miss & always remember them.

Just got back from Canada and annual fishing trip with Jerry Yahiro at King Pacific Lodge, where Jerry out did me by 4 lbs. with his 34 lb. salmon; but I beat him with a 21 lb. ling cod. (It was really 19 lbs. after we took a 2 lb. rock fish out of its mouth, but that's another story.) While there we presented recognition plaques to Lisa, George, and the Lodge for their great generosity in giving the VNVDV a trip for two to raffle off at our last Feb. crab feed dinner. For those not in attendance - The winner was Marty DeVenuta who has not stopped telling everyone what a great time both he & his nephew had. Again, we thank Lisa and George for their great support. Their generosity helps us do all that we do.

While Jerry and I were in Vancouver we met MOH Recipient & Life Member Jim Taylor who was returning from a fishing trip. We enjoyed Jim's company for dinner and had a chance to catch up with him. Jim has been living in the Redding, California area and after the fires this summer Jim is considering relocation. We wished Jim the best and let him know we welcome his visits and to please keep in touch with VNVDV.

President's Message (Continued on - Page THREE)

9/11 Remembrance...

a Community Ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Danville to remember & honor. Featured topic - 9/11/2001 to the Napa Fires

The Patriot Day public ceremony will take place - Tuesday - Sept 11- at 5:30 - 6:30 PM in Oak Hill Park - 3500 Stone Valley Road in Danville. Bring the Family & Please Share & Join us! See Hundreds of Scouts carrying American Flags

Please Note:
Nominations Open for VNVDV Officers & Board of Directors for 2019
Election at Annual Meeting In Nov



SEPT Dinner Speaker

Skip George

will discuss his experiences as an Advisor with an A Team in 3 Corps, Dong Xoai, Vietnam working with a 200 man Strike Force consisting of Cambodians, Montagnards & Vietnamese. *Please Join Us!*

Wine for Wheels Event Supporting VNVDV Wheelchair Project for Vietnam

A MUST ATTEND EVENT at DAVID BEHRING'S HOME in BLACKHAWK

A Creekside Vietnamese Party

*A Wine For Wheels Event to Support the Wheelchair Foundation
Hosted by David Behring*

VNVDV first trip to Vietnam to distribute wheel chairs



All Net Proceeds will Benefit Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Wheelchair Project for Vietnam

Friday September 7 2018

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
2982 Deer Meadow Drive, Blackhawk, CA

Vietnamese cuisine by Chef Joe Rodrigues and Valley Catering

Wine Pouring by AXR Napa Valley

Music by the Peppermint Duo

A \$60 dollar per person donation is suggested or for a \$150 donation you will provide one wheelchair toward our Vietnam delivery.

One bottle of wine per 1 or 2 people (to share or not share) is also requested or a non-alcoholic beverage if you prefer.

Visit WineForWheels.org to purchase tickets or email Jeff Behring at jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org for more information.

Dedicated to have fun, to educate and to help bring mobility, hope and dignity to the physically disadvantaged of the world.



VNVDV Members/Supporters - Please Make Reservations & Attend - This is a Very Special Social Event!

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

On August 6th the US Army Reserve at Camp Parks held a promotion Ceremony at the [All Wars Memorial](#). VNVDV members attended the event which honored **SFC Tebbetts' promotion to Master Sergeant (E-8)**. Family and friends at the event were treated to Lunch by [Mike Conklin](#) of the [Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation](#). *Thanks Mike!* The All Wars Memorial is beautiful for this recognition of achievement.

On August 25th Art Gaskins was remembered with a **Celebration of Life** gathering at the Veterans Memorial Building. Members of the various Veterans Organizations, Danville Town Representatives & Members of **Art's family gathered to recognize the tremendous contributions** that Art Gaskins made to Veterans and the Community. Dennis Giacobelli & Lee Halverson organized this Memorial and they deserve a *Bravo Zulu* for a great presentation.

Now we go into September with East Bay Stand Down in need of help. They need young strong bodies to put up tents on the 8th and 9th and then back on the 16th and 17th to take them down. In years past we were lucky to have the military, but no such luck this year. They also need us older vets to volunteer for whatever you can do. Go to eastbaystanddown.org and sign up to volunteer prior to September 9th. **Let's give a helping hand** to our needy and homeless veterans.

Most important... this Friday - the 7th one-day after our monthly dinner meeting... [David Behring](#) is hosting a very special Wheelchair Foundation [Wine for Wheels "Creskide Vietnamese Party"](#) at his home in Blackhawk. This very special event is to benefit the **Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley's Wheelchair Project for Vietnam**. I am asking ALL Members & Supporters who can possibly attend to please do so. Do purchase your tickets at: WineforWheels.org or contact [Jeff Behring](#) [*info on flyer*]. Your *charitable donation* will aid in supporting a new wheelchair for our VNVDV container for delivery in Vietnam. This will be a **FUN evening at David's Home!** [Please attend.](#)

September 11th will be the 9-11 Remembrance / **Patriot's Day Ceremony** at the All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park next to Monta Vista High School on Stone Valley Road in Danville. Also this month Monte Vista High School Football team is once again Honoring all Veterans in our Community at their upcoming football game. Plus much more. Please try to attend & support community events & programs. Plan on attending the **meeting & Friday's events... and have a great September**, and remember that October and DUCK SEASON is just around the corner!!!

Bill

Bill Green
President 2016 - 2017 - 2018
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EastBayStandDown.org

On-Line Registration OPEN!

VOLUNTEER NOW!

Note: VOLUNTEERS needed [with a Truck a real plus] prior to & after EBSD for "SET-UP" Sep. 8 - 12 & "TEAR DOWN" Sep. 16 - 19. This is in addition to over 3,500 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Alameda County Fairgrounds during the FOUR-DAY EBSD ENCAMPMENT.

Sign-Up On-Line before Sept 9
A complete listing of all volunteer areas for **Sept 13 - 16** positions is on the EBSD website & the hours / time-slots available. **All volunteers must register on-line & in-advance of the event. NO registration on-site.**

You can make a difference!



MIKE WEBER - Past President & EBSD Logistic Director still needs A Few Good Volunteers with "Strong Backs" to help with the set-up of the Encampment prior to Stand Down. Do You Have What it Takes? VOLUNTEER NOW!

EAST BAY STAND DOWN "DRAFT" ENCAMPMENT PLAN

YES - This is the Encampment at the Alameda County Fairgrounds that needs "Strong Backs" to Help Set-Up Tents & other!

Review the many articles & informational notes on East Bay Stand Down in the INCOMING and on the EBSD Website & take a look at the planned "Encampment" to see why we need Volunteers before to help Lots of various areas to set-up over a wide area of space at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Turning a grass field into a "MASH" like unit for up to ~ 500 participants & all the Volunteers.

The Participants receive a Wide Range of Services Food - Clothing - Medical Dental - Legal & More...

Even a Daily Newsletter ~ the LZBURBINE Edited & Published by our Incoming Editor Jon Robbins

This is the place where YOU can Make a Difference!



ENCAMPMENT PLAN FOR EAST BAY STAND DOWN 2018

Revision No. 2, Updated 8/14/2018

6. PPT

VOLUNTEER ON-LINE for EAST BAY STAND DOWN

East Bay Stand Down 2018 (EBSD) is September 13 through 16, 2018 at Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton - *a four-day encampment providing a "Helping Hand-Up... Not a Handout" to our displaced & homeless Veterans.*

[On-line Select an Area/Activity & Time from the Volunteer areas](#)
[Remember: SIGN-UP PRIOR TO SEPT 9th](#)

Community Organizations - Clubs - Businesses - Churches - Groups & Individuals are encouraged to get involved. Go to the [EBSD website](#) at: EastBayStandDown.org to discover how you can support & assist in EBSD 2018 - our major community effort to aid the VA in their goal to *end homelessness* **for our nation's military Veterans.**

The 2018 EBSD will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds - supported by the VA - State & many agencies along with community service providers - and with over 3,500 community volunteers involved in EBSD 2018. All positions have not been filled and additional **Community Volunteers are needed!** **Key are "able bodies" for set-up the weekend & days prior to the event.** Volunteers are needed during the four-day **event... and then will again be needed on the Sunday afternoon** - the day the program closes Sept. 16 & days following EBSD for the tear-down & storage of the encampment.

The EBSD website Registration has all positions listed - plus the four-day program. Businesses - organizations - Clubs - Groups & individuals can help **"sponsor"** EBSD 2018... **in many ways. Look at the "Wish Lists" on the website - Sponsor a Tent or it's not too late to make a donation to EBSD 2018. Your "Donation Checks" for:** [East Bay Stand Down](#) should be made payable to - [Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit Foundation for supporting EBSD.

All donations are welcome & appreciated. Major Sponsorship begins at \$5,000.00. Individuals & Non-profit Organizations can sponsor a "Tent" for \$500. & Corporations & Business "Tent" sponsorship is \$1,000.

QUESTIONS - about [EBSD](#) - *check the website:* www.EastBayStandDown.org
"VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP" is OPEN & CLOSES on Sept. 9th. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER IN-ADVANCE on-line using the EBSD website.

No Walk-In Volunteers & No on-site Volunteer Registration Available.

Help spread the word & get other [organizations - churches - non-profits - service clubs - businesses](#) involved in EBSD 2018 - our major community event helping our homeless & displaced Veterans at [EBSD 2018](#).



**PARTICIPANT ANNOUNCEMENT
POSTED AT VA & SHELTERS**

HOMELESS VETERANS

East Bay Stand Down for Veterans and their Families

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

September 2018
Pleasanton, CA

STAND DOWN
Serving homeless individuals who have served our Nation is the primary goal of the East Bay Stand Down. We treat the Veteran participants with respect and dignity. Their former service to our nation is evidence of their ability to succeed and is also reason enough for our community to support them in regaining success.
EBSD wants to help you and your family!!!! 4-DAY EVENT!

Participants must Pre-register

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

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

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

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

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

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

No Walk-Ins.

Some of the Services Available at Stand Down Are:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| COMPLETE MEDICAL | OFF-SITE PET CARE |
| TRANSITIONAL HOUSING | EMPLOYMENT SERVICES |
| MENTAL HEALTH | DENTAL SERVICES |
| COURT/LEGAL SERVICES | VETERANS BENEFITS |
| ID/DRIVERS LICENSCE | WELLNESS & CHAPLAIN SERVICES |
| SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE | MEALS/CLOTHING/HYGIENE |

www.eastbaystanddown.org
P.O. Box 2196 Danville, CA 94526

**SAMPLE
PARTICIPANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

VNVDV BY-LAW CHANGE - SEPT 2018

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

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.01 - General

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

Membership may be granted to other persons not meeting the foregoing criteria, up to a maximum of 2.5% of the total membership.

Section 6.02 - Qualifications

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

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

This Modification will be voted upon by the Membership at the Sept. Meeting.

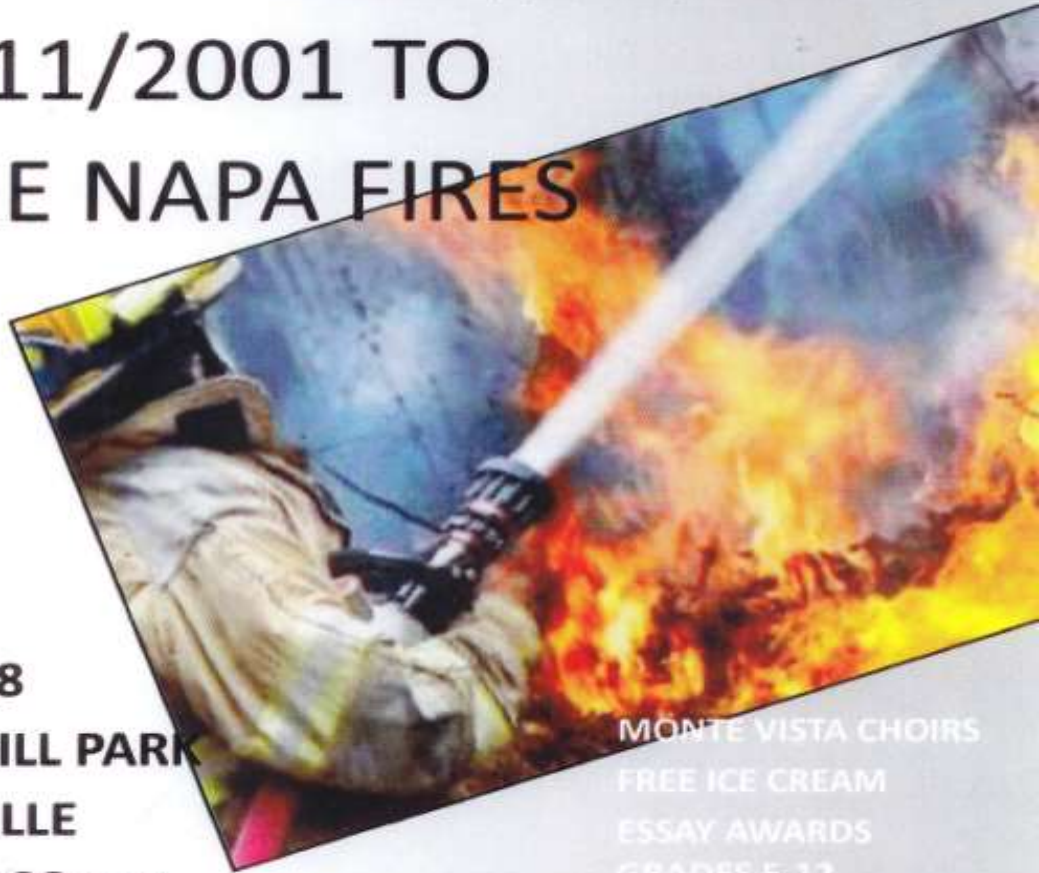
A reminder - Absolutely NO politics or political comments at our dinner tables or meeting. We are a non-profit service organization & do not want to violate our by-laws or jeopardize our state & federal status. Thank You for support in keeping our organization strong

Exchange Club Sponsors 9/11 Remembrance



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9/11/2001 TO
THE NAPA FIRES



9-11-18
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DANVILLE
5:30-6:30 pm

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GRADES 5-12

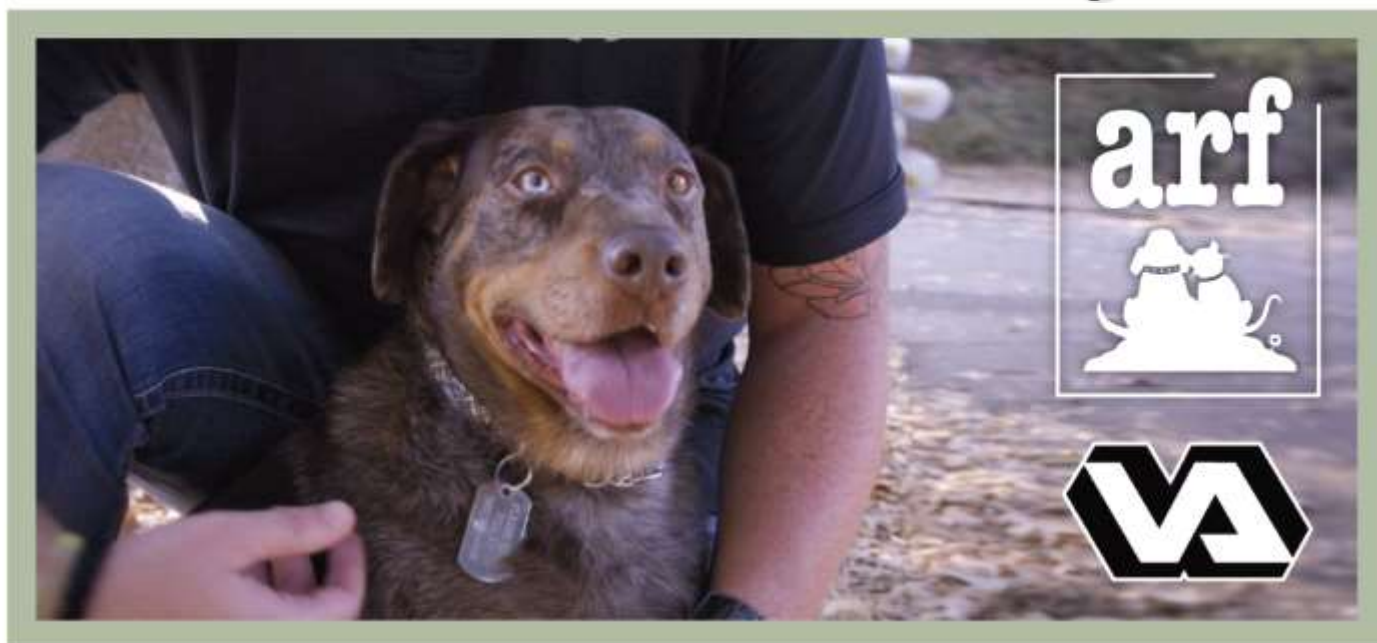


Hosts: EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY
WWW.SRVEXCHANGECLUB.ORG Questions 925-998-8865

Nominations OPEN for 2018 Officers & Directors!

President Bill Green selected our 2018 Nomination Committee. Bill selected the very experienced Past President Del Loewe as Chair and included other very qualified VNVDV Past Presidents – to seeking out new & future leaders & potential Board Members & Committee Chairs. The other Nomination & Election Committee Members are Past President Rich Lambert – Mike Weber – Ray La Rochelle should you have any questions about any position or the duties of any Board Positions. Elections held at our Annual Meeting in the month of November by Ballot.

Are You A Veteran with a Dog or Cat?



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

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

ARF's Mobile Clinic will be on-site to perform wellness exams, give vaccinations, and answer questions about basic pet wellness.

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

Location: 150 Muir Road, Martinez CA 94553

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

Cats and dogs only; limit 2 per veteran. Services are provided at no cost to veterans presenting military ID. Dogs must be on-leash and under control at all times. Bring pet's prior vaccination history with you. Cats must be in carriers. Please clean up after your pets.

Wait times may vary; please wear comfortable clothes. Water will be provided for people and pets.

Do Not Pass Up this Opportunity for Your Pet!

Family, Veterans Service Organizations and Colleagues from Work honored Art Gaskins on Saturday August 25th. Speakers and Photos provided a wonderful summary of Art's accomplishments and the wealth of experience and wisdom that was Art's gift to those he met. He will always be remembered by all who experienced his kindness.



Lt. Gaskins 1945



Art was posted to the 13th Armored Division in CA which was to be activated later that year. Assigned to the 46th Regiment, he spent his time training new recruits.

In Late March/early April 1945 Art's troop was tasked to protect a group of ranking officers from his division while a German officer met with them. Several days later the German Army Commander surrendered all his troops except himself. He was Walter Model who had been one of the top German tank commanders on the Russian front.



On May 5, 1945 orders were to hold their position. The war was officially over May 8, 1945.



Grandson-in-law Kris and Art



Lynne, Art, Jordan and Jennifer 2005



Shortly after leaving American Blower, Art took a similar position with Peterson Tractor Company in San Leandro. He remained there for 23 years.



Art being installed President of the San Leandro Manufacturers Association in 1977 while working for Peterson Tractor

- During his business years Art was very active in the Community and Business Committees including:
- Director and president of San Leandro Manufacturers Assoc.
 - Citizens Advisory Comm. of the East Bay Muni. Utilities District
 - Matthews Scholarship Comm.
 - Board of Trustees, Doctors Hospital of San Leandro
 - City of San Leandro Development Committee
 - San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Director

Celebration of a Life Well-Lived



Arthur Allen Gaskins
8/29/1918 – 6/17/2018
Post Military



1952 Christmas party at American Blower

In January 1952 Art started work as a Purchasing Manager for American Blower in San Leandro. By 1954 he had also taken on the job of personnel manager. American Blower San Leandro Plant closed in 1964 and Art decided not to be transferred to the east or Midwest.

Between 1959 and 1967 Art and Vi traveled, mostly to Mexico. Art retired from Peterson in 1967 and they moved to Rancho Murieta in 1988. Art took up Golf



Art's beloved yellow Porsche at Rancho Murieta house 1989-2007

ART GASKINS
WWII 3RD ARMY, 13TH ARMORED DIVISION
VFW POST 75
AUGUST 29, 1918 - JUNE 17, 2018

Officer in Patton's 3rd Army Tank Corps, awarded the Bronze Star, father, grandfather, great grandfather, historian, educator, doer, friend, hero and icon who always had a smile, a story, and time to share a pot of coffee.

ART WAS A FORCE OF NATURE, WHOSE ENERGY, KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.



Art with Vi and her daughter Sharon in 2009



Art with Angie Call and Great-Grandson Grant 2008

In 2008 Vi moved into a board and care home due to Alzheimer's. She passed shortly after.

Lynne and Art Christmas lunch 2008



Honorary Life Member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Honorary Life Membership
Art Gaskins



Busty's retirement, March 2017. From left, Jordan, Busty, Jennifer and Grant.



13th Armored Division Reunion and Ceremony in 2013 at the WW II Memorial in Washington DC

Art standing next to his home State of Texas Monument



Meeting with granddaughter in 2018



So long, our friend.
It has been an honor to know you.



August 2018 Dinner Meeting Members & Guests



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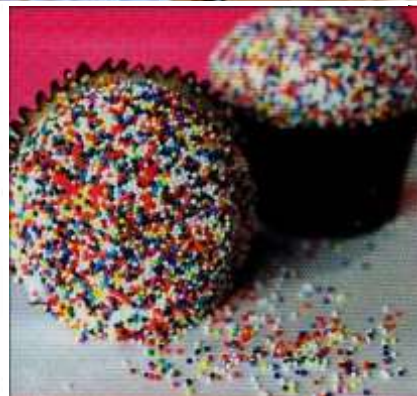
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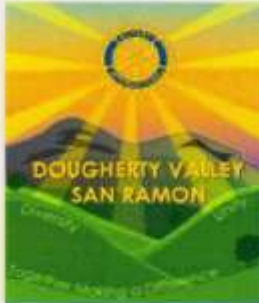
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V3 & HOPFEST to benefit Sentinels of Freedom

September

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SAT. SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

GET READY... FOR THE V3 HOPFEST 2018!

2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583 (Bishop Ranch)

V3 is an incredible Benefit Bike Ride with 15, 30, 60, and 100 mile long routes.

Hopfest Craft Beer Festival features some of Northern California's finest craft breweries!

Rider Recovery Area includes lunch, massage therapists, and outdoor cooling

This ride benefits veterans through the **Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation**, aiding severely wounded and disabled post-9/11 Vets, other veterans nonprofit organizations and Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary Foundation.

Register at www.v3hopfest.com today!

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Questions? Email : DVSrv3@GMAIL.COM



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Camp Parks Reservist SFC Tebbetts was promoted to Master Sargent (E-8) in a Ceremony held at the All Wars Memorial. In attendance were Major Beau Striklin XO 2-360th TSBn, SFC Tebbetts family and members of local Veteran Service Organizations. Congratulations to MSG Tebbetts.



THANKS TO KING PACIFIC LODGE

Bill Green and Jerry Yahiro visited the King Pacific Lodge in August and provided recognition to the Owners for their generous support of the VNVDV through their donation of a trip for two that was raffled at the Crab feed 2018.

Bill and Jerry also had an opportunity to meet with VNVDV Member Jim Taylor who was visiting in Vancouver. In addition it should be noted **that Jerry's prize fish is 34 pounds of significant achievement.**

Congratulations!!!



VNVDV Member *September* Birthdays

Tom Hutchens	Navy	Michael Hurder	Army
Bill Tharp	Army	Nathan Greene	Air Force
Fred Granados	Army	Bob Miller	Navy
Don Loeffler	Army	Lawrence Ames	Air Force
Dave Smith	Army	John McPartland	Marine
Bart Gilbert	Army	Julian Mathews	Navy
Keith Harrigan	Army	Dan Young	Army
John Sullivan	Air Force	Dennis Nead	Marine

Thanks to our August Speaker - Ron Lowe presenting his experience as an Advisor to a Camp defended by Vietnamese Soldiers



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Friday, September 21, 2018—Varsity Kickoff at 7 p.m.

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for
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Free admission for Veterans, along with complimentary hot dog, beverage, and *homemade apple pie!* + *RECOGNITION!!!*

Limited number of tickets available! Call Veteran's Memorial Building, Danville, (925) 362-9806

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



EBSD Received Generous Donations at Well Attended Meeting

Hot Summer Sundays Car Show

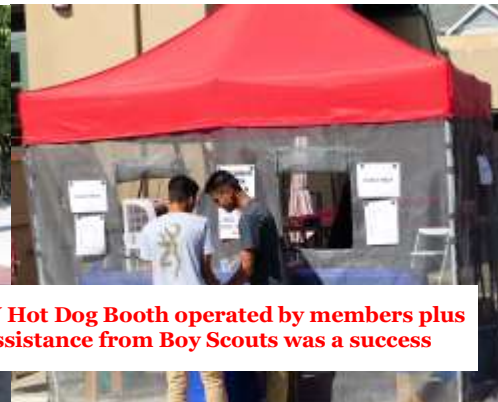
AUGUST 22, 2018



Thanks to Military Vehicle Displayers



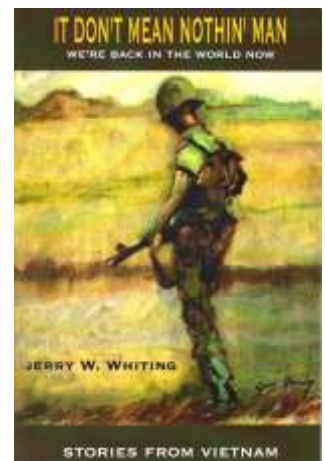
VFW Hot Dog Booth operated by members plus assistance from Boy Scouts was a success



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



Remember to get your personal copy of
JERRY WHITING's
new book about VNVDV
"It don't Mean Nothin' Man
We're back in the world now"



Support the Marine Corps League Fundraiser at VMB/SRV

ITALIAN NIGHT

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Veterans Memorial Bldg., 400 Hartz Ave., Danville

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

\$25 Per Person

(After October 13, 2018 \$30)

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

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

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

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE AND A SILENT AUCTION

ALL SEATS RESERVED & RESERVATIONS NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL MONEY RECEIVED.

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

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

or DROP CHECKS OFF AT Marine Corps League meeting

FOR INFORMATION CALL: MARYLOU 932-0471

PAID-FOR TICKETS WILL BE AT THE DOOR

Name _____ No. of Tickets _____ Phone No. _____

With whom would you like to sit _____

(Show all names)



Veterans Service Organizations provided servers for the very **successful fund raiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro**. **All tips and a percentage of the evening receipts go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building's Operating Committee which in turn fund expenses and activities.**



Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center

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

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

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

Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center

NEW EXHIBIT

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

May 25-October 26, 2018

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

Free admission

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



**NAVAL HOSPITAL SHOEMAKER
1946**

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TONS OF PRIZES! 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS!

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HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS! AWARDS DINNER WITH AUCTION!



**JOIN US IN CELEBRATION
OF JOEY'S BRAVERY AND
SACRIFICE TO OUR NATION.**

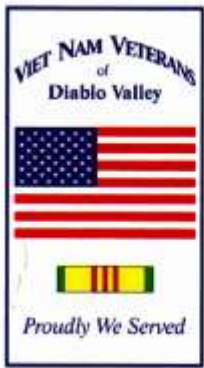
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REGISTER AT WWW.SOMEGAVEALL.US TODAY!

Some Gave All - The Joey Graves Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
All proceeds benefit the families of our fallen soldiers.

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



John T.J. Trujillo
Director of Procurement

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
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Contact **"T.J."** to obtain one of his new VNVDV Coffee Mugs that have been prepared for the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley... **Nice!**

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

All Wars Memorial Paver

AWM ENGRAVING TWICE A YEAR
A New Paver Section will be Opening this Year... **do you have an AWM Paver?**
Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member with a Paver Tribute!
New Walkway of Pavers to Open soon \$300.00
Engraving is performed in the Spring & Fall.
Take time to visit the AWM website for an application form & historical & educational information about all wars and the AWM Pavers.
www.AllWarsMemorial.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SUPPORT
Veterans Voices

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



Veterans Voices Staff Volunteers
Help keep Veterans Voices on the air

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office TV Show

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

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

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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Going to the Emergency Room - Who Pays?
New Guide for Service-Connected Urgent Care
FLU SHOTS now available at Martinez VA



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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!

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

Are You Watching CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" on 3rd Monday?

Featuring Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer & Guests

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

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

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

Veterans Benefits Contact:

Nathan D. Johnson
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10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553

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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
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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

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

Please Visit our Website @ www.VNVDV.com 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**

The Veteran's Memorial Building in Partnership with the Town of Danville Presents

VETERANS DAY OPEN HOUSE

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED 2018

NOV 10 | NOV 11 | NOV 12

9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. • 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. • 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.



JOIN US FOR THIS 3-DAY OPEN HOUSE COMMEMORATING THE END OF WORLD WAR 1

Also recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Tet Offensive

Event features displays and artifacts honoring the service of our nation's veterans which will be of interest to the general public-young and old.



VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94526 | (925) 362-9806
For more information visit vmsbv.org



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

AUG 2018



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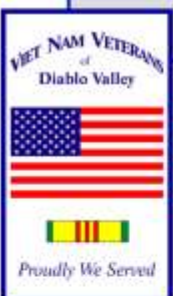
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow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

"INCOMING" News - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV

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Established in 1991

VERY IMPORTANT EVENT

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



TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT MONDAY AUGUST 6, 2018

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

ITALIAN BISTRO

Monday August 6, 2018

Between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Make your reservations a.s.a.p.

Call 925.820.6969 or Visit

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PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB

Hot Summer Sundays Car Show



Thanks to Military Vehicle Displayers



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



HANK taking a break after the rush!



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



Veterans Memorial Building always features Military Vehicles on display



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