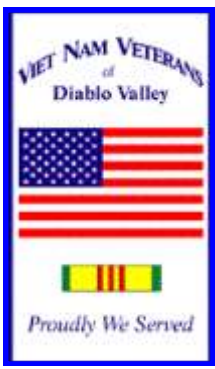


INCOMING NEWS



APR 2019

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Armed Forces Day - the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans

REGISTER www.SFRWalkOfHonor.com

Memorial Day - Monday May 27 - Oak Hill Park - Danville



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have some major events coming up in April and May. Eat your Wheaties and don't forget your meds. **April 13th is the Sentinels of Freedom Gala.** VNV DV has been a strong supporter of the Sentinels Program. Many of you have committed to attend the event in support of Mike Conklin and his great program. Let's make a great showing of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley for our Sentinel veterans.

Armed Forces Day - Saturday - May 18th the Phillips 66 Refinery & Carbon Plant invites you to join in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans. The 11th Annual "Walk of Honor for our Veterans" will be a short walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and back. Last year's event was a huge success. Over 400 employees, contractors, local residents and volunteers participated in the celebration and together raised in excess of \$41,000. The Refinery, VNV DV, and sponsors are working hard to surpass last year's fundraising & attendance milestones. You will have a fun filled & exciting day of honoring the men & women who have valiantly served our nation. Since the VNV DV shares in this fundraising event, we have a beneficial interest in making this event exceptionally successful. We are looking for event Sponsors. The Walk of Honor website is OPEN for Registration online, or register at our meeting with Slatts. **Every one of our members should be attending this Walk. If you cannot attend - Please Register for the Walk & support the event.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WALK OF

HONOR

Registration

OPEN NOW

On-line

[SFRWalkofHonor](http://SFRWalkofHonor.com)

Community Event

A Reminder... The East Bay's Largest

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Monday - MAY 27

ALL WARS

MEMORIAL

Oak Hill Park

3005 Stone Valley

Road

(Next to Monte Vista High School)

in the Town of

Danville

FREE & OPEN

to the PUBLIC -

A FAMILY

EVENT

Honor Veterans
 Walk in their Honor
 at the *Phillips 66*

"WALK of HONOR"

SAT - May 18, 2019

Guest Speaker

Mickey Ganich

Pearl Harbor Survivor



APRIL SPEAKER
JIM HILL



who will discuss his tour with the 25th Infantry Division assigned to the Pathfinder unit that prepared Landing Zones for insertion of Helicopters delivering infantry units. This was a newly formed unit that was challenged by the terrain, jungle and the size of the operations.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

If you can't or don't want to walk, register to get a t-shirt and hear a World War II veteran talk to us about his Pearl Harbor experience. He is 99 years old and recently got his CA Driver's License renewed. Don't miss this event!

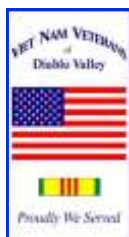
Sunday May 19th is the Swearing In at the Veterans Memorial Building for those entering the service or the Military Academies from our community, hosted by American Legion and VFW. We have supported this event in the past and it has always been one to remember. Let's show these young people our gratitude and support for their decision to answer the call to duty. Attendance should be a no brainer.

On **Monday, May 27th, is Memorial Day**. Preliminary planning is now under way. We will need some people to setup, take down, the program, and coordinate the barbecue. Since this is my first **Memorial Day** as President, I'll need the experience of those that made the previous programs successful. At our April meeting I will be taking names and scheduling the first planning session to assign responsibilities.

Lastly, Jerry Yahiro has announced the travel schedule of the **28 October - 9 November 2019 wheelchair distribution trip to Vietnam in conjunction with the Wheelchair Foundation**. The itinerary is provided on our website - vnvdv.org. The trip cost is *estimated* at \$4,000/person - **please note this does not include airfare**. Flights are available from \$900-1,000. *Any VNVDV Members wishing to join this trip should send a \$1,000 deposit check made out to VNVDV and indicate in the check's memo section that the check is for the Vietnam trip. **Cut-off date is SOON**. Please contact Jerry Yahiro (926-683-2541) to reserve a place on this trip.*

Look forward to seeing you at the dinner

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WALK of HONOR
for our Veterans Sponsored by
PHILLIPS 66
Armed Forces Day Saturday
May 18th
Bridge Walk / BBQ & more in
Crockett, CA
Crockett Community Center
650 Pomona - Crockett 8-1PM



BBQ



Bridge Walk



Walk of Honor

Honoring the Men & Women who Served Our Nation

The [Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant](#) invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans on **Saturday, May 18, 2019**. The 11th Annual "Walk of Honor for our Veterans" will be a short walk across the [Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge](#) and back. Last years event was a huge success. Over 400 employees, contractors, local residents and volunteers participated in the celebration and together we raised in excess of \$41,000. We are working hard to surpass last years fundraising and attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling day honoring the men and women who have valiantly served our nation.

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Armed Forces Day

8:30-9:30am - Check-in at the [Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street - Crockett](#). Transportation provided to and from the bridge.

10:00am - "Walk" begins.

11:45am - Luncheon Ceremony.

Following the **"Walk"** all registered participants are invited to join us for a luncheon ceremony. There will also be by the John Swett High School Band & a raffle.

Many local government agencies & veterans service organizations will be on hand providing information regarding services - programs & benefits for Veterans

100% of all contributions will be divided evenly between the [Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley \(VNVDV\)](#) & the [Crockett Community Services District \(CCSD\)](#).

The VNVDV is dedicated to present & former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the [Crockett Veterans Memorial Building](#).

Phillips 66 is proud to be the Lead Sponsor of American Jobs for America's Heroes, a national nonprofit campaign coordinated by the Center for America to encourage employers to post jobs for 60,000+ unemployed National Guard members. Register at: www.CenterforAmerica.org to post jobs at no cost.

REGISTER FORM FOR WALK OF HONOR



Rodeo Refinery and
Carbon Plant



Crockett
Community
Services
District



Sign up today for the 11th Annual Walk of Honor event on Saturday, May 18, 2019!

Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

Check-in 8:30 am - 9:30 am at the Crockett Community Center/ Walk will begin at 10:00 am

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

Registration Form

Early Registration \$25.00, after May 1, 2019 Registration is \$30 (T-shirt and BBQ included)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address City, State, Zip

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Walking in honor of: _____

Veterans Name(s)

T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL (Please circle one)

Please make checks payable to: SFR Community Fund, (Tax ID#45-2483804). Mail registration form along with check to:

Phillips 66, Attn: Aimee Henry, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

Register online at www.SFRWalkofHonor.com

Participant Waiver

Participation waiver must be filled out completely. Application deadline is May 14, 2019.

I, _____, do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from any and all liability or claims of injury of whatsoever nature which may be incurred by me as a result of my voluntary participation in the Walk of Honor for our Veterans event sponsored by Phillips 66 on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

I further represent and certify to Phillips 66, its officers, employees, agents and assigns that I am physically able to do the various things enumerated above without limitation, and that I have no disabilities which might prevent me from doing the same.

All banners, flags, or apparel worn or carried in the WALK are subject to the approval of the Walk of Honor Committee. Non-compliance with this policy will subject offenders to eviction from the WALK or banquet and forfeiture of their application fee.

I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participation in this event and has given me permission to participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.

PARTICIPANT (if not age 18 or older, parent/guardian must co-sign below.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Undersigned has read the above and understands this waiver.)

Date

For additional information, please contact Aimee Henry at 510.245.5130 or Adrienne Ursino at 510.245.4400
Thank you for your support!

**COMPLETE WITH CHECK & MAIL TO PHILLIPS 66
or TURN FORM & PAYMENT OVER TO TREASURER
"REGISTER" ~ EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND**

Jerry Yahiro just announced the travel schedule of the fall 2019 wheelchair distribution trip to VietNam in conjunction with the Wheelchair Foundation. The itinerary is provided and days are specifically provided for the distribution of wheelchairs. The trip cost is estimated at \$4,000/ person and please note this does not include airfare. Flights are available from \$900-1,000.

Any VNVDV Members wishing to join this trip should send a \$1,000 deposit check made out to VNVDV and indicate in the memo that the check is for the Vietnam trip. **Cut-off date is SOON.** Please contact Jerry Yahiro (926-683-2541) to reserve a place on this trip.



- October 28th SAIGON - ARRIVAL
- October 30th CAN THO - MISSION DAY - SAIGON
- October 31st SAIGON - CU CHI - TAY NINH



- November 1st SAIGON - HUE
- November 2nd HUE - MISSION DAY
- November 3rd DMZ QUANG TRI - DONG HA
- November 4th, 2019 HUE - CITY TOUR



- November 5th, 2019 HUE - HANOI
- November 6th, 2019 HANOI - MISSION DAY
- November 7th, 2019 HANOI - HA LONG BAY
- November 8th, 2019 HA LONG BAY - HANOI
- November 9th, 2019 HANOI - DEPARTURE



Cut-off date is SOON.
 Contact Jerry Yahiro 925-683-2541

NOTE: DETAILED TRAVEL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE: WWW.VNVDV.ORG VIETNAM VNVDV 2006 DISTRIBUTION TRIP



Healing the Past and Delivering Hope for the Future
 Vietnam Veterans of Disabled Valley, California



The plane touched down at 10:15 a.m. on November 26th, 2006 at Tan Son Nhut Airport in South Vietnam. "We're back..." in all I could come up with to say. It was hot and humid and slightly overcast and Ho Chi Minh City was abuzz with activity. "Looks the same to me," said "WIM BIFF" LaVigne (U.S. Army). "It's already better! Last time I saw the capital as we were coming in," was Jerry Yahiro's (U.S. Army) take. "Seems okay," chimed in Tim Han (U.S. Marine Corps). "I agree with Biff." "I don't know what to say yet..." commented John Reese (U.S. Navy diver). These were the first words spoken by five of us upon arrival in Vietnam for the "second" time. We are all members of the Vietnam Veterans of Disabled Valley, California, and we are returning to Vietnam with our wives and friends on a mission far removed from the one that brought us here the first time, some 35 to 42 years ago. An "adventure" which, over the next 13 days, would deeply affect each one of us. Through our Past President, Mike Weber (U.S. Army medic) and the Wheelchair Foundation, our group was able to raise enough

money to send 560 wheelchairs to Vietnam. It had taken us two years to raise the funds for these wheelchairs, and now we had come back to Vietnam to distribute them. We brought with us \$3,500 dollars to donate to a number of children's schools and orphanages and we had also brought along, thanks to the work of John Reese and the generosity of the V.A. Hospital in Martinez, California, over 60 pounds of medicine. Our first wheelchair distribution came on our third day in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). Joel Dodge, our Wheelchair Foundation liaison, walked us to The Friendship House in the center of Ho Chi Minh City where a very formal ceremony would take place. Over the next hour, many wheelchairs were given out. I think that most of us were not prepared to see such physical and mental need among these people, and our first tears were shed. But this was just the beginning. We flew to Quy Nhon the next day, and over the next two days we all began to realize what we were doing and got to see first hand how our helping hands affected the daily lives of those in need of a wheelchair. We met the local individuals face-to-face and felt their friendship and caring. Whole families were there to see their children, grandmothers, and mothers and dads receive something that would completely change their lives for the better. They cried and we cried with them. They laughed and we laughed with them. And we helped them load up their new wheelchairs, as many as four stacked on the back of a family motor scooter, and marvelled at their ability as they drove away. In Quy Nhon we met a wonderful woman named Nguyen Nga who, with the help of some of her husband's students, educates, feeds and cares for nearly 200 orphaned disabled children every day. She was so proud of her kids and introduced us to her staff. It was here that I was struck by the enormity of the needs of the Vietnamese as I reached down to shake the hand of her office helper and saw that she did not have a hand. I noticed, and did not know what to say.

At Kids First Village in Dong Ha on Day Nine, we saw the "new", "modern" Vietnam being built. We gave away more wheelchairs and we donated John Reese's 60 pounds of medicine to Kids First Clinic. I watched as Wild Bill helped a beautiful young girl into her new wheelchair and made her smile. And then I saw him and Rich Ventrone (U.S. Navy (Retired)) begin to weep. We left Kids First Village and went into town and gave away four more wheelchairs to people in their homes. At the home of one wheelchair recipient, a decorated para-olimpic swimmer, Skip George (U.S. Army Special Forces) assembled a wheelchair and then gently lifted the young man into it. All the while his mother made sure that the neighbors and everyone else saw what had just happened to her son. He was nearly 20 years old and it was the first wheelchair he had ever had. We continued on our way. Hanoi, our last leg of the trip, Day 11. We visited the Vietnam Friendship Village today - Dennis Margaret, U.S. Marine Major, U.S. Marine Corps, quiet throughout most of the trip, let some of his emotions show. It's hard to explain the condition that some of these children are in, but I will say this, it is something most of us never see and you would not be human if it did not affect you. When you see their smiles and the warmth that they give, you know within them there is hope. One of the most emotional moments of our entire trip happened here at the Friendship Village. Along with disabled children, they

were for some old soldiers, those who have fought in the many wars Vietnam has had over the past 50 years. Here, 40 years later, we came face-to-face with some of our fellow warriors, men whom we fought in combat so long ago. Through circumstances, we sold each other stories, we hugged and we shook hands and years passed. We laughed and we surely cried and found out just how much we were alike. We parted with a promise to come back. As we were leaving the Friendship Village, a little disabled boy waddled up to me and sprang into my arms, and in his excitement, he pum-pum me. I hugged as long as I had never seen more joy expressed on someone's face in all my life. With his disabled body he kept saying "Number one! Number one!" and giving me the thumbs up sign, and he did not want to get down. This moment will stay with me forever. On our last day in Vietnam, Skip George said, "There are two kinds of people in this world, those that do and those that don't." Well, with the help of those at the Wheelchair Foundation, our group "did." We came, we saw, we laughed and we cried. We gave some, but we got back much, much more. And, we changed. I, for one, am going back.



After our very positive 2006 Wheelchair Foundation distribution trip the VNVDV began planning for another distribution in VietNam in 2012

VNVDV 2012 WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTION TRIP

VIETNAM

GOING BACK TO VIETNAM

SIX YEARS OF FUND RAISING AND 7823 MILES OF TRAVEL

THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY HEAD BACK TO VIETNAM



It was a dark and stormy night... We find ourselves in Hue, Vietnam. A group of five of us have trekked to a local watering hole known as "The DMZ Bar." We are midway through our 15 day journey across Vietnam, distributing wheelchairs in partnership with Oakland, California, based East Meets West Foundation, and visiting old haunts. There are 17 of us in our group, but for a few of us the DMZ Bar holds fond memories of an evening we shared there during our last trip to Vietnam, in 2006. It was a night of laughter and tall tales (all prefaced by the words "True story...!") accompanied by beer and an endless supply of coconut peanuts. It was the night we all wrote our names on the wall with magic marker, some of us leaving messages for other travelers who would grace the same space long after we had left.



However, this visit would wind up somewhat bittersweet. Our memories of a dimly lit, rundown dive bar with no indoor plumbing and a single surly local bartender, supplanted by the revelation that the DMZ had been remodeled and modernized. Oh sure, you were still allowed to write on the walls with magic marker, but everything that had been there six years earlier had been changed in the "great remodel of 2008." The new had replaced the old, and we were reminded that our memories of Vietnam of the past were no longer valid today.

This message would serve as an underlying theme for many on this trip. For those among us returning to this country for the first time since the late 1960s and early 70s, this trip was the opportunity to experience modern Vietnam and gain understanding of the life that has evolved since the Vietnam war (or "the American war," depending which side you had been on). Of course, it was wrought with the apprehension and trepidation of not knowing how we might be received, or how we might remember what we had forgotten, intentionally or otherwise.



Several in our party set out on side trips to visit locations familiar to them from their time of service in their respective branches of the military (we had Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard represented among us). Again and again, a similar story was repeated "I found the place where our camp / airfield / base had been, but now it's just a Vietnamese War Memorial / shopping center/ highway, etc..." This is the face of progress in Vietnam. >

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: >>> The Gang assembles outside the White Hotel in District 1 in Ho Chi Minh City, on day one. Many thanks to Ann Tours and Mr. Truc Vole, our excellent interpreter and fixer. >>> In Can Tho we provided wheelchairs to swimmers with Olympic aspirations. >>> Pictured Left to Right - Jerry Yabiro, John Beese, David Behring and Richard Lambert with one of the many tennis wheelchairs donated to East Meets West's INSPIRE SPORTS programs throughout Vietnam.



TOP LEFT: >>> Tran Nghia was 17 years old when David Behring presented her with her first wheelchair in 2003. This past Fall, the two were reunited in Hanoi, as Nghia and her mother joined us for a wheelchair distribution in the city. David and Nghia have remained in touch via the internet. David says of the relationship, "It is always a joy to give someone a wheelchair and it is an even greater joy to personally watch and hear how that wheelchair improved their life." >>> LOWER LEFT >>> Three Cheers for everyone involved in distributing wheelchairs throughout the country of Vietnam! Everyone gives a thumbs up for a job well done!

Our partners on the ground, East Meets West Foundation, had worked closely with the Vietnamese Paralympic Committee and others to arrange opportunities for us to distribute wheelchairs all along our route. We gave away wheelchairs in Can Tho, Ho Chi Minh City, Quang Tri, Hai Phong Harbor and Hanoi. We donated tennis and basketball wheelchairs to sports clubs and training centers through EMW's Inspire Sports program, allowing para-athletes to develop their skills, train and compete in a peer environment. Along the way we met swimmers, javelin throwers, weight lifters, track athletes, basketball and tennis players and one tough tug-of-war team whose single armed competitors easily toppled our crew on multiple occasions.

Vietnam is now a country of young adults. It is a country undergoing rapid change, and the impact of having access to modern technology is visible almost everywhere. There are fewer dirt roads and more skyscrapers, fewer bicycles and more motorbikes and cars. There is also an ever increasing demand for modern services, like clean drinking water, sanitation, medical care for newborns, internet access, and goods and services. And yet, with all of this rapid advancement, there still exists a very large need for wheelchairs for the disabled.



"Getting to go back to Vietnam, and to help people get wheelchairs, often the very first one they have ever owned, was awesome! Aside from getting married and having children, I think this is most significant thing I have done in my lifetime."

-John Garfield Reese - U.S. Navy Diver
on his second wheelchair distribution trip to Vietnam.

For the Veterans on this journey, our 15 days pass in what seems like no time at all. Soon we are speaking to one another about our trip in the past tense, where we had once been talking about it in the future tense for what seemed like such a long time. We were able to help Vietnamese in need of mobility by providing 260 brand new wheelchairs and 60 new sports wheelchairs. The Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley were able to witness first hand how their continued support of numerous orphanages, schools and rehabilitation facilities has had a positive and lasting effect on the people of Vietnam.

VIETNAM FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 91,519,289 (JULY 2012 EST.)
 NUMBER OF MOBILE PHONES: 127.3 MILLION (2011 EST.)
 MEDIAN AGE: 28.2 YEARS
 AVERAGE INCOME: \$9.60 PER DAY
 POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE: 14.5%
 WHEELCHAIRS DONATED BY WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION: 14,476
 ESTIMATED NEED: GREATER THAN 2,745,579
 PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED POPULATION REACHED: 0.527% OR 1:190

Since the VNVDV 2012 trip to VietNam - we have gained many new members - we are now in the planning stages for a VNVDV trip in the fall of 2019. The full detailed schedule has been posted on our organizational website at: www.VNVDV.org along with articles from the Wheelchair Foundation regarding the VNVDV distribution trip to VietNam.

The Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley members attended the Wheelchair Foundation 2019 **VIETNAM: WHEEL & GRACE FUNDRAISING GALA** raised funds for the distribution of wheelchairs during the VNVDV Trip to Vietnam scheduled for November 2019. During the Event Jerry Yahiro presented a review of the past VNVDV Vietnam trips as well as the plans for the 2019 trip.



March Dinner Meeting - 2019



SUNDAY MARCH 24TH BILL GREEN AND JERRY YAHIRO AND STAFF HOSTED A CHIOPINO DINNER FOR TWELVE GUESTS WHO REPRESENT THE HIGHEST BIDDERS FOR THIS DINNER THAT WAS OFFERED AS AN AUCTION ITEM AT THE 2019 CRAB FEED. THE DINNER WAS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED AND THE GUESTS DEMONSTRATED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF ALL INVOLVED.



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12PM - 3PM

MARCH 2 & 9

MARCH 30 & APRIL 6

MAY 11 & 18

2019

12PM - 3PM

MARCH 16 & 23

APRIL 13 & 14

APRIL 27 & MAY 4

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Annual Sentinels Gala

Blackhawk Museum
Danville, California

Commemorating the
United States Air Force



Gen. Paul J. Selva
Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Guest Speaker
Annual Sentinels Gala

Gen. Paul J. Selva Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Gen. Paul J. Selva serves as the 10th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, he is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the nation's second highest-ranking military officer.

General Selva graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980, and completed undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas. He has held numerous staff positions and has commanded at the squadron, group, wing and headquarter levels. Prior to his current assignment General Selva was the commander of U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

General Selva is a command pilot with more than 3,200 hours in the C-5, C-17A, C-141B, C-37, KC-10, KC-135A and T-37.

EDUCATION

1980 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1983 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1984 Master of Science in Management and Human Relations, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

1992 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., distinguished graduate

1992 Master of Science in Political Science, Auburn University, Montgomery, Ala.

1996 National Defense Fellow, Secretary of Defense Strategic Studies Group, Rosslyn, Va.

A unique opportunity to meet our Sentinels

Date:
Saturday April 13th, 2019

Location:
**Blackhawk Museum
Danville, California**

Time:
**6:00 PM Cocktail Reception
7:00 PM Program Start**

Commemorating the United States Air Force

Ticket Information

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\$300
Sponsor a Sentinel's ticket for this event.

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**Please note that \$75 per ticket will not be tax deductible as cost of dinner purchase.*

VNVDV Member *April* Birthdays

Doug Miller	Army	Harry Fuller	Army
Del Loewe	Navy	Dennis Giacobelli	Navy
Michael Ebert	Army	Verlyne Daniels	Navy
Dennis Verlyne	Navy	Dave Richardson	Army
Rich Lambert	Navy	Tom McHale	USMC
	Steve Risk	USMC	

Thanks to the March Speaker Jon Robbins for his presentation on Logistics related specifically to Motor Truck Transport on the roads of Northern II Corps Central Highlands



Military Appreciation Night with the Oakland A's - JULY 3rd vs. Minnesota Twins - 6:00 PM at the Colesium

Wednesday, July 3rd vs. Minnesota Twins

Military Appreciation Night, presented by Chevrolet, will be held on Wednesday, July 3. A portion of each ticket is donated back to Military non-profits. Following the game will be a Patriotic Firework Show. If we have a group of 15+, we can qualify as a group. Ticket prices are \$40 each Plaza Level.



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Event Time 11:00a - 4:00p

Day of Event Registration Begins at 8:00 am

No Cars Admitted After 11:00 am

During the uneven years THE STAND ON THE DELTA 2019 supports Veterans – check to see where you can help



STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA 2019



STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA IS A FOUR-DAY, THREE-NIGHT EVENT IN WHICH VETERANS ARE PROVIDED FULL MEDICAL TREATMENTS, COURT AND LEGAL SERVICES, DMV, CHAPLAIN SERVICES, HOUSING, ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, EMPLOYMENT, AND A MYRIAD OF OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES. DURING THE EVENT, VETERANS ARE ALSO PROVIDED WITH CLOTHING, MEALS, SHOWERS, SLEEPING TENTS, AND A SAFE PLACE TO "STAND DOWN" FOR THE DURATION. THE NEXT STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA WILL BE HELD **SEPTEMBER 20TH - 23RD, 2019** AT THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LOCATED IN ANTIOCH, CA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO DELTA VETERANS GROUP. YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP OUT VETERANS IN THE MOST NEED AND THEIR FAMILIES MAKE THE TOUGHEST TRANSITION OF THEIR LIVES.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO WWII VETERAN FRANK URIBE ON HIS 95th BIRTHDAY MARCH 2, 2019.

Frank joined Veterans at the SAT. Morning Veterans Social Coffee in Danville which is every week. Join fellow Veterans each Saturday 9AM until 12PM at Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley in Danville

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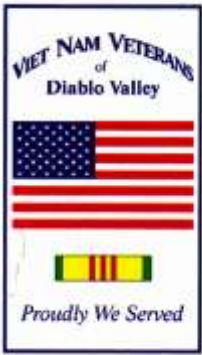
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."



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

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"



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

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

We Thank David Behring & Joel Hodge for your support of VNVDV & our two amazing wheel chair distribution trip to

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

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

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

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

All Wars Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam 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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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

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PAYMENT METHOD:
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Charge my: Visa - MasterCard (Please Print clearly)
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Signature and Date... & MAIL completed application to: **AWMF** - (address above)


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

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

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Update Information on VETERANS' VOICES.



VETERANS' VOICES

A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

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

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

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

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CCTV

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



Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office TV Show

Watch VETERANS' VOICES on CCTV Every Month on 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 important Veteran Events in the East Bay



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Veterans... Are You Utilizing Your VA Health Care Benefits?

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

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

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

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

Find out about all the Veteran Benefits You earned through your Military Service
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for your FREE "Benefit Check-Up" - You Earned it!

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

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VNVDV Members & VIPs

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!

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