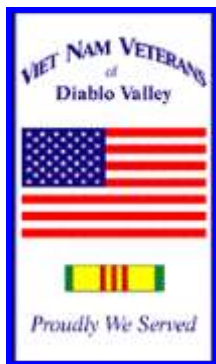


INCOMING NEWS



DEC 2019



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

HOLIDAY DINNER DEC. 5TH ~ RSVP BY 27 NOV ~ MEAL SELECTION REQUIRED
Remember to bring your GIFT CARD to dinner for our TOY DRIVE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are at the end of the year event, our Christmas Dinner Gala. This is a much anticipated and joyous occasion for our membership and our many community supporters. It goes without saying that what we were able to do this last year is directly related to the efforts of our membership and our wonderful community supporters, many of whom do so quietly without recognition. Our Christmas Dinner Gala gives us a chance to openly express our appreciation and thanks.

As you know the highlight of the dinner is the presentation of the Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award which is personally presented to a special individual by Gary Villalba. Gary retired as a Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

ARMY / NAVY GAME
VMB - DEC 14TH - 11:30
 HOSTED BY THE VMB OPERATING COMMITTEE
 Bring your favorite snacks

VNVDV Crab Feed
"Donations Needed"
 Donation letters in this issue
Feb. 2nd
Crab Feed Tickets
on Sale Now - \$50

Pearl Harbor Day
Sat. - Dec. 7th
Lighting the Eye of Diablo
Dec. 7th at 3:00 PM
Pearl Harbor Day Beacon Lighting Ceremony

December 7 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
 California State East Bay - Concord Campus
 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road - Concord,
 "When that beacon light is turned on, that's a tribute to those individuals that lost their lives at Pearl Harbor."



– Earl "Chuck" Kohler, Pearl Harbor Survivor



Gary Estrella
 VNVDV
 President



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
 Will conduct a special donor
 drawing at the VNVDV 2020
Super Sunday Crab Feed
 02FEB2020 to select one out of
 300 for luxury fishing trip in
 Canada during 2020

KING PACIFIC LODGE

Trip for Two - 4 Day/3 Night Luxury
 Rooms feature soaker tub &
 panoramic window views!
 Roundtrip transportation from Vancouver,
 Canada [South Terminal] to Lodge.



Fishing Trip of a Lifetime!
 1/2 Day guided each day 5hrs/day
 Self-guided unlimited hours of fishing

VETERAN 's

SAT Morning

Social Coffee...

Join fellow

Veterans each Saturday

8AM until 11AM

In Danville at the

Veterans

Memorial

Building

Pastries too!

Additionally, we will be honoring our Veteran of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards. Again, we also take this opportunity to individually recognize many of our supporters and properly thank them for their service to the veteran community.

Part of our December dinner event is Operation Santa Claus. This year we are requesting you bring **“Target Gift Cards” or “Checks/Cash”** to fill Santa’s glass at the check-in desk. Your donations will greatly help Santa’s Elf Helpers in collecting and matching age appropriate toys to the right girls and boys at the Operation Santa Claus Christmas Party for the military families which includes 200+ children. Your support will make this happen.

Quickly following the December Christmas Gala is our February 2, 2020 Super Sunday Crab Feed. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Christmas Dinner. It has been a remarkable 2019, and I thank you for allowing me to be your President. Merry Christmas to one and all; we will see you on December 5th.

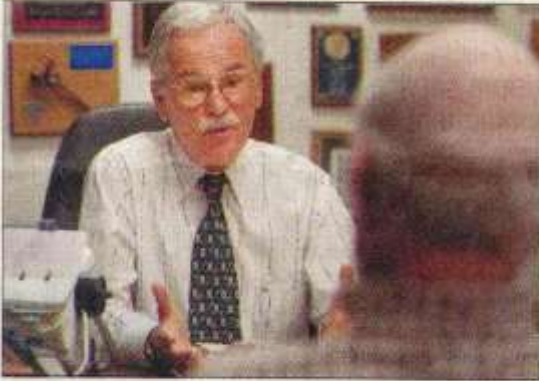
Gary Estrella
President
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December is our Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner **The VNVDV Thanks all VSOs!**

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

GARY VILLALBA
Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer



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

DAN HONDA — MediaNews staff photos

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

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

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

Gary will be joining us to personally present the VNVDV’s highest recognition at our 2019 Gala to another very dedicated individual.

Their name will be added to the Gary Villalba plaque displayed at the County Veterans Service Office in Martinez & in Gary’s home.

Operation Santa Claus:

Honoring Our Military Men & Women and Their Families

The VNVDV's DEC 5th Holiday Dinner is the time of our Annual Toy Drive. Toy donations are great, but to best support the VNVDV's major purchase of new toys for *Operation Santa* this year it's requested \$20/\$25 Gift Cards from Toy Stores i.e. **WAL-MART, TARGET, KOHL'S AND ETC., AS WELL AS VISA AND AMEX GIFT CARDS** which are universally accepted at toy stores. These **GIFT CARDS** will be used for the purchase of new toys. VNVDV members are asked to participate by bringing \$20-25 Gift Cards for Toy Stores to the **Dec 5th Holiday Dinner**. The goal is to facilitate the purchase of toys for both male & female children of all ages, especially TEENS! The toys will be distributed to children of specially invited military families, including U.S. Coast Guard, **Gold Star Families, Reserve/National Guard families & GWOT families... selected & invited by their Command.** Shop now for your gift card! Remaining Toys will be used for Toys for Tots & the **Concord Vet Center "Santa Visit"** - Please **BRING ALL GIFT CARDS** for Toys to our NOV meeting or DEC. Holiday Dinner.



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Veteran's Day Tribute - Nov. 12th

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



Concord Vet Center Holiday Party

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

When: December 13, 2019
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

enjoy food, music and
holiday cheer.

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



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



The 120 annual

Army/Navy Game

December 14, 2019

Game starts 12:00

*Can the Midshipmen stop the
Black Knights streak at three?*

Come join your fellow Veterans upstairs

In Your

Veterans Memorial Building

For hot dogs, chili, nachos,

Camaraderie, and The Game

Bring a side dish, dessert or beverage

Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee

with a generous donation from the

Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Assoc.

VNVDV Color Guard marched in the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade



Wreaths Across America in conjunction with the Blue Star Moms join to lay Christmas wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried in the Alamo Cemetery. December 14th at 10AM 912 El Portal, Danville, this annual event brings us together to honor those fallen service men and women who gave the ultimate for our freedoms.



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 PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST**

HOSTED BY COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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Katharine B. Baker

AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 246



5th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST NOV 2 VMB

VNVDV Member Captain Verlyne Daniels is remembered for his Naval Career

Blue Star Moms of Contra Costa County honor two fallen Warriors from Brentwood



Verlyne Wayne Daniels
 April 23, 1930 - October 16, 2019
 Resident of Alamo, California

Verlyne Wayne Daniels was born in Reamsville Kansas as the sixth of seven siblings. When he was six years old, his family moved to Galt, California and later to Stockton, where he attended Stockton High School. He enlisted in the Naval reserve in 1947 and served with Organized Surface Unit 12-39 in Stockton until he went on active duty in 1950 and became a Naval aviator. He served combat tours as an attack pilot in Korea and Vietnam.

He was shot down over North Vietnam in 1967 and spent over five years as a prisoner of war in the Hanoi Hilton before returning with honor during Operation Homecoming in 1973. After his return, he continued on active duty until retiring as a Captain in 1983. Among other distinctions, Verlyne was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross.

Verlyne is survived by his wife, Julie Daniels of Alamo, California and daughter Julie Barnes and grandchildren Charles, William & Hazel Barnes of Huntington Beach, CA.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 16th. For more information, please contact the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Fisher House or its sister charity, the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

CONTRA COSTA BLUE STAR MOMS



The Contra Costa Blue Star Moms cordially invite you to attend the dedication of a memorial in honor of

SPC Joseph A. Graves
 United States Army
 Operation Iraqi Freedom

SSGT Stephen J. Wilson
 United States Marine Corps
 Operation Iraqi Freedom

Location: Liberty High School
 850 Second Street, Brentwood, California
 Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019
 Time: 11:00 a.m.

Questions may be directed to Loretta Masnada
 loretta@ccbluestarmoms.org - 925-686-3944

The memorial is located at the southeast corner of the campus in the L Quad. Look for the Contra Costa Blue Star Moms signs to direct you.

The Fishing Trip of a Lifetime!



KING PACIFIC LODGE TRIP FOR THE 2020 SEASON

An iconic luxury lodge to stay in while you fish...

West Sport fishing King Pacific Lodge is a luxury floating lodge, designed in the spirit of a modern and efficient fishing lodge; where understated elegance meets the wilderness with many quality details and finishing touches catering exclusively to 34 guests. This trip is currently valued at \$9590 CDN/\$7112 USD.

For more information on the lodge go to <http://kingpacificlodge.com/>

Dates will be determined upon availability at King Pacific Lodge. Reservations available after 5 Feb 2020. All-inclusive from Vancouver. Gratuities not included.



**VIET NAM VETERANS
OF DIABLO VALLEY**

Your "donation" will support VNVDV projects & programs benefitting Veterans & those serving in 2020-2021

**The fishing trip of a
lifetime!**

Major VNVDV Fundraiser!

**Trip for 2 for a
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**½ Day guided each day
5hrs/day. Self-guided
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**Luxury rooms feature a
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window views!**

**Roundtrip transportation
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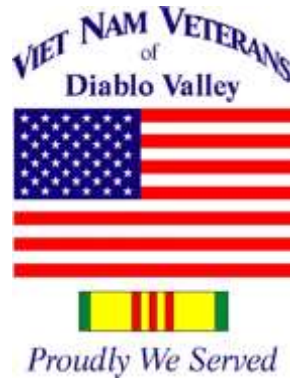
\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY

*Maximum 300 tickets to be
sold*

Contact
Bill Green 925.683.3293
OR
Jerry Yahiro 925.683.2541
for tickets

Winner will be drawn
2/2/2020 at the VNVDV

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VNVDV 2020 King Pacific Lodge Fishing Trip *A VNVDV Fundraiser*

An iconic luxury lodge to stay in while you fish...

West Sport fishing King Pacific Lodge is a luxury floating lodge, designed in the spirit of a modern and efficient fishing lodge; where understated elegance meets the wilderness with many quality details and finishing touches catering exclusively to 34 guests. *See Bill Green - Jerry Yahiro or Mike Slattengren for tickets –*

\$50/opportunity/ticket - maximum 300 - opportunities /tickets

For more information on the Lodge go to the [King Pacific Lodge](#) website
Here is the [flier with more information](#)

For more information and details on this outstanding fishing opportunity visit: **<http://kingpacificlodge.com>**

To donate for opportunities - Contact VNVDV Treasurer [Mike Slattengren](#) available at VNVDV Dinner Meeting “*Check-In*” at [Crow Canyon Country Club](#)

Drawing at VNVDV annual 2020 Super Sunday Crab Feed – 02FEB2020

Feb 2th – Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley in the Town of Danville

Need Not be present to Win





Save the Date

MARCH 14, 2020

**The
Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley**

**Sixth Annual
Combined**

**Veterans Service
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**CORNERED BEEF AND
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Fundraiser

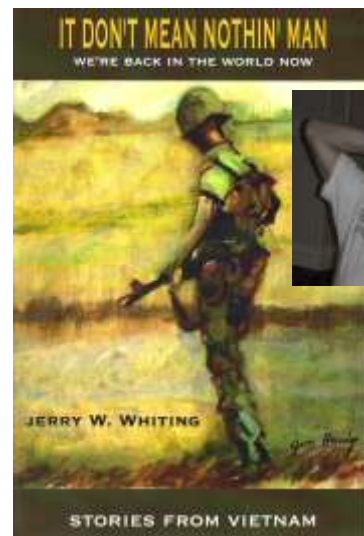
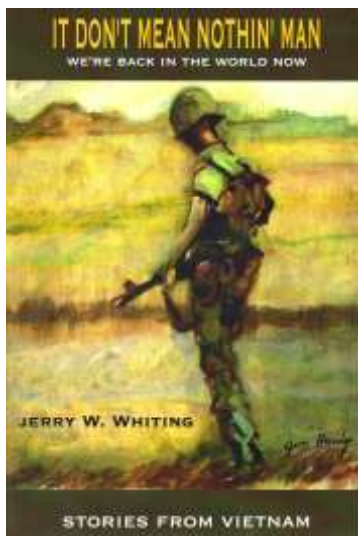
**Tickets available in
January**

November Dinner Meeting - 2019



Do YOU have your personal "autographed" copy of

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"It don't Mean Nothin' Man
We're back in the world now"





Ring those Holiday Bells

Performed by

BLACKHAWK Chorus

Saturday, December 14 | 4:00 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, San Ramon

Sunday, December 15 | 5:30 pm
Blackhawk Country Club, Danville

Under the direction of



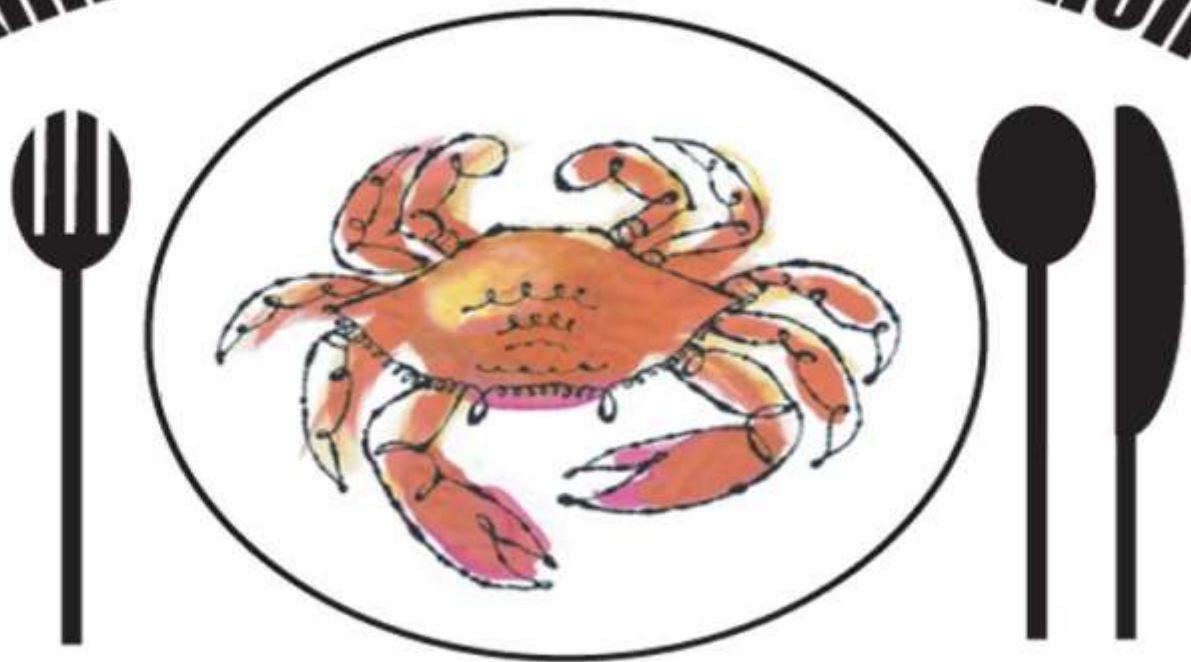
Diane Gilfether

**For ticket information
visit blackhawkchorus.com**

Attend the Saturday December 14th Event

VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

Annual Crab Feed & Auction



February 2, 2020

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA
\$50.00 per person - Doors open at 1:00 PM

Buy a Ticket Today!

*Eat fresh crab, silent auction, raffle & door prizes
support your local veterans.*

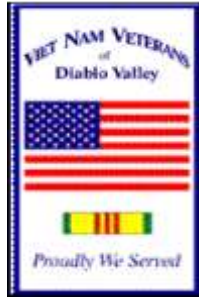
We could use your support.

Please donate an item

for auction.



*To purchase tickets & donate items please contact
Michael Slattengren
Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com*



December 2019

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter -

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announces their annual charity fund-raiser & we respectfully requests your support for this event. On Sunday, February 2, 2020, we will hold our 17th annual *Charity Crab Feed*, at the newly remodeled Veterans Memorial Building, in Danville, CA.

The VNVDV are an independent, **“grass-roots”** - non-profit / tax-exempt - 501(c)(19), veteran’s organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. We **“proudly continue to serve”** our community, *with your support*, through a variety of programs, projects and events. (Tax ID number below).

The money raised through our 2020 Charity Crab Feed will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events and programs that we conduct and proudly support throughout the year. These include:

- The East Bay Stand Down
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- **Danville’s 4th of July Parade**
- San Ramon Valley **Veteran’s Day Program**
- **The VNVDV School Speaker’s Bureau**
- Operation Welcome Home – *Returning Vets*
- Armed Forces Day **“Walk of Honor”**
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- Diablo Valley Flag Brigade
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus / Toys for Tots
- Memorials Dedicated to Fallen Service Members

We respectfully request your business support for this event - through a discount on goods purchased for **this event, “monetary sponsorship”** - ticket purchase - donated items or gift cards /certificates for your goods & services. Your donated items will be used in our Silent Auction or Raffle held during the 2020 *Charity Crab Feed*, to raise the necessary funds to continue these & many other worthwhile projects for our community.

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our Crab Feed, visit our website at www.VNVDV.com - or e-mail us at the address below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2020 **“Tribute to our Troops”** Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity to our veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

Gary Estrella - President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Telephone: (925) 693-9552
E-mail: gamastar6@aol.com

[Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley](http://www.VNVDV.com)

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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit veteran’s organization / corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from federal (IRC 501c) & state (RTC 23701w) income tax



Date: _____

DONATION RECEIPT

To: _____

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

Your Donation Details

\$ - Value

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The money raised through our 2020 Charity Crab Feed, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

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

VNVDV Contact: President Gary Estrella - Telephone: (925) 963-9552 - E-mail: gamstra6@alo..com

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VNVDV Member *December Birthdays*

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

New Member: Kelly McHugh - Army Aviation



Thanks to the November Speaker David Coleman for his presentation on his experiences V-P of Officiating at the Pac-12 Football Conference. Prior to this, David was the Director of Officiating at NFL Headquarters in New York City. He is a West Point graduate and served in the 101st Airborne Division and the 3rd Infantry Division.

David has also made arrangements for members attending the November 7th VNVDV meeting to attend the Pacific 12 Conference Football Championship to be held on December 6th at Levi Stadium. This invitation includes a Field Pass to meet with Pac-12 Officials prior to the game.

Thanks for this generous opportunity.

J. Rockcliff



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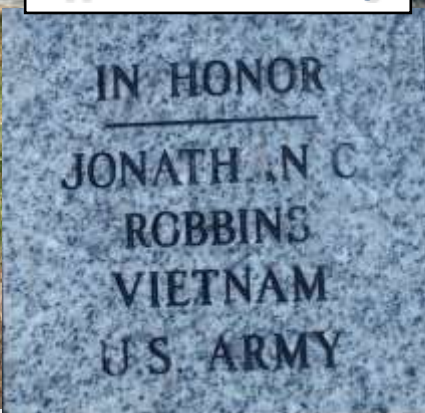
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Fall Engraving Scheduled for October 2019

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Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the
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Use the information as on the billing statement)

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INDIVIDUAL Paver - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$300.00 each

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Can add **Rank** for those who that served in the military.
Up to two lines available - maximum of 15 characters on
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BRANCH of SERVICE: (circle one)

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Organization / Unit Paver - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$300.00 each

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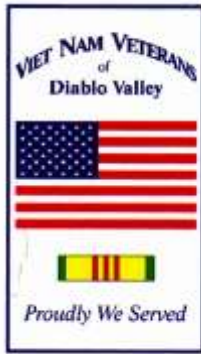
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."

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VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"



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Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

The Viet Nam Veterans made 2 distribution trips in 2006 & 2012 and the Fall 2019 to Viet Nam is this month. Providing freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

We Thank David Behring & the Wheel Chair Foundation for the support of VNVDV & our three amazing wheel chair distribution trips to Vietnam.

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

**VISIT THE VMB/SRV's WEBSITE - for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at:
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ARF Mobile Veteran Pet Exam Van Monthly!
Get your Veteran Certification for DMV License

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

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

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!

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

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EBSD CHANGES FOR 2020

September 20, 2019

Greetings **EBSD Coordinators**, Volunteers and Supporters!

I hope this finds all is well with all of you.

This message is to give you an update on what has happened since our last EBSD, held this time last year, in 2018, and to share our plans for EBSD going forward. **Yes, there will be an EBSD 2020, our 17th Stand Down!!!**

Before going further, I want to thank all of you for volunteering and serving as coordinators/co-coordinators in 2018. A special THANK YOU to those of you who have been with the East Bay Stand Down (EBSD) over many years, especially those who have been with me since its inception in 1999. I think that we all need to congratulate ourselves for a job well done! **BRAVO ZULU** (to use a US Navy term for "a job well done").

Going forward, we have some organizational changes for the EBSD Team. **MG Ron Lowe**, USA (Ret.) has elected to "Retire" and step down as our Executive Director of the Board. Thank you, Ron, for your years of service, not only to our Nation, but to all the other organizations and activities that have supported and benefited so many Veterans.

I will move to the Executive Director / Chairman of the Executive Board position. **Scott Whitacre** will take my old position, becoming the new Director of EBSD. **Scott**, a Marine Veteran (we won't hold that against him...), has been associated with the EBSD since its beginning. Early on he was our Public Relations contact from AT & T, one of our Major Corporate Sponsors. Over the years Scott has volunteered in many different areas at EBSD and served as Tent Leader multiple times. He has been active in many other aspects of the Stand Down, as well as recruiting volunteers and arranging for much needed resources at our event. Our Veterans and EBSD will be in good hands under Scott's leadership. Please join me in saying: "Welcome, Scott and Thank You!!!"

We anticipate there will be some other changes to our EBSD organization in the near future. We will let you know of them as soon as we can.

With all of this in mind, please respond back to this email as to whether you wish to return as a Coordinator/Co-coordinator for EBSD 2020. Also, please indicate your desire to serve in your previous coordinator position, or a new/different area or capacity. Also, please indicate your willingness to consider/serve in another capacity, other than your previous positions, at the EBSD Board's request, should the need arise to staff all positions with some measure of expertise. Please, get back to us with your response and input no later than October 15, 2019, so that we can move forward with staffing. We would also appreciate your input/suggestions/recommendations you may have to improve the overall EBSD experience, for all our Veterans and Volunteers.

Additionally, Scott will be contacting each Coordinator to formally introduce himself and understand your role with more familiarity and how he can help you succeed in providing our veterans with top notch support.

EBSD 2020 will be held in the **September** time frame, with specific dates yet "To Be Determined" by the Alameda County Fairgrounds, pending space availability at their facility. Community planning meetings will begin **on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:00 PM, at the SRV Veterans Memorial Building, 115 East Prospect Ave., Danville**. Successive meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the same time, same location, until the event.

Once again, I want to thank all of you for what we accomplished!

Jerry



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

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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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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!**

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