

INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

JAN 2019

Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Going Fast! Got Yours?



Gary Estrella
VNVDV
President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Echoing President Bill Greene's last President's Message, "Wow!" December has been a busy month. It going to be a bit strange not having Bill as President of the VNVDV after three years. He has done a great job and I hope not to disappoint him our VNVDV.

As we saw at our Christmas Meeting, we can be very proud and grateful for the things we have been able to accomplish in our communities. Our presence and the efforts of our veterans clearly show that we continue to serve. Like any good soldier, sailor, airman or marine we cannot sit back and rest on our laurels. We must forge ahead and meet new challenges. Of course, as time catches up with us, forging becomes more challenging for some of us. It doesn't mean we don't aim as high; it means we continue to draw upon our experiences and resourcefulness and seize the opportunities that come our way.

The biggest challenge before us is our February 3rd Crab Feed. Since there is only one Meeting, January 3rd, before our Crab Feed, there are a lot of details that need your attention. Tickets are still on sale and seem to be going fast. The January meeting is your last chance to buy tickets conveniently. After the meeting adjourns you will have to get the tickets from authorized vendors as there are no ticket sales at the door. Authorized Ticket Vendors will be announced at the January 6th meeting.

Members - Supporters
& Friends:

We urgently need your personal support to obtain Donations for our "Super Sunday" - FEB. 3rd 2019 event! **Final Countdown... Help us Obtain Needed Donations**

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

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

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Featured in this edition:

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

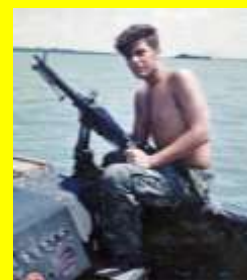
Donation Urgently needed for Silent Auction & Super Raffle Please help & do your part! THANKS

Operation Santa Claus Toy Drive HUGE SUCCESS THANKS to all donors of toys and gift cards

JANUARY SPEAKER

DENNIS GIACOVELLI

will discuss his tour with the Brown Water Navy in Vietnam as a crew member on a



PBR, Patrol Boat, River.

Jim Murphy & Jim Hill are working on and coordinating the donations for the Auction. Your donation items are needed early. If you are dropping off donations at the Veterans Building, you must call and coordinate the drop off with them. **Jim Murphy's contact information is 925-858-2618. Jim Hill is 510-410-1040.**

Our VNVDV 2019 calendar, the calendars of our brother and sister VSOs, along with the calendars of the various communities in which we live and serve provide us with limitless opportunities for service. As your 2019 President I thank you for your vote of confidence and together we will continue to proudly serve.

Upcoming events and activities:

January 19th Docent Appreciation Brunch 10am, Veterans Building San Ramon Valley

January 26th American Legion Post 246 Crab Feed 1pm, Veterans Building San Ramon Valley

February 2nd USCGC ROBERT WARD commissioning

February 16th MCL #942 Crab Feed 5pm, Veterans Building San Ramon Valley

February 16th USS Tulsa Commissioning 10:00 a.m. SF, CA Pier 30/32 on the Embarcadero

April 13th Sentinels of Freedom Gala 6pm, Blackhawk Museum, Danville, California

March 16th St. Patrick's Dinner 5pm, Veterans Building San Ramon Valley

May 18th Armed Forces Day, Walk of Honor Crockett, CA

May 19th High School Swearing in Ceremony, Veterans Building San Ramon Valley

May 27th VNVDV Memorial Day Observance, Danville

July 4th Independence Day Parade, Danville

August 12th Giannis' Dinner, San Ramon

These are just some of the things on the calendar. To say there are a few things that could keep us busy is an understatement.

I am looking forward to the coming year and wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Gary Estrella
President
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2019 Crab Feed Merchant & Business Donation Request Letter & Donor Receipts available at the JAN. Dinner Meeting & also included in this issue of the INCOMING News. Pick-up or copy & keep request with you to use for soliciting your event merchant donations.

A donation idea list of items to request + 2019 Crab Feed poster for you to copy - use & keep in your car to ask local businesses you frequent in you neighborhood. ***It's easy... just ask***

Please remind everyone including supporters of the need to request & obtain donations for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed to be held on Sunday - FEB. 3th!

2018 CRAB FEED is a FUNDRAISER

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

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

If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event.

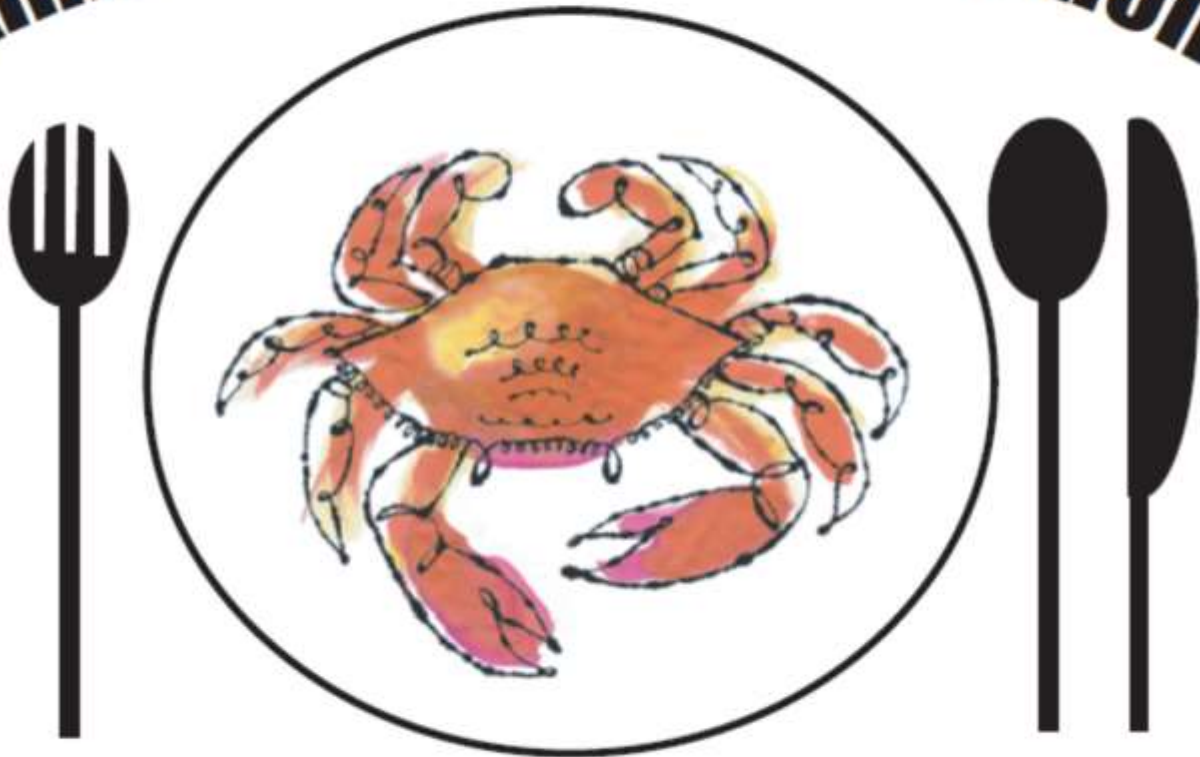
Please do your part!

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

Keep it with you and use them .

VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

Annual Crab Feed & Auction



Febuaury 3, 2019

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

\$45.00 per person - Doors open at 1:00 PM

Buy a Ticket Today!

*Watch the Super Bowl on the big screen,
eat fresh crab, Silent Auction, support your local veterans.*

**We could use your support. Please donate
an item for auction.**

Help Obtain Donations for "Super Sunday" Charity Crab Feed Silent Auction

VNVDV Suggested Auction Items

- Restaurant Dinner/Lunch for Two-Four persons - Gift Cards/Gift Certificates
- Retail Merchandise Gifts/Gift Cards/Gift Certificate
- Gift Baskets from Professional/Service Businesses
- Wines – Cases, Large Format Bottles, Premium Bottles, Tour & Tastings for four or more
- Special Spirits – Whiskey, Scotch, Vodka, Gin, Tequila
- Professional Services from any service industry business
- Golf Foursomes with Cart from any local golf course
- Tickets to Events – Pro Sports, Plays, Music or other events
- VIP Unique Donations – Special one of a kind items like Tours/Events/Merchandise
- Hotel/Resort Packages – Overnight stays with dinner for Two or more
- Sports Memorabilia – Autographed Photos, equipment, Personal Items
- Personal Hosting of a Special Event at a Home/Business
- Military Memorabilia- any branch or era (very Popular)
- Travel – Airline Tickets/Mileage Coupons

Use your imagination, reach out to your family and friends for help and donation ideas. Just ask, believe it or not most local business want to support our organization. Supporting the local community keeps local businesses connected to their customers. The same idea works for businesses in general. Successful businesses donate to non-profits. It's good for their business and an important part of their marketing plan.

Thank you in advance for your support!

GOAL:
EVERYONE
OBTAINS
"ONE"
DONATION



JANUARY DINNER MEETING

SIGN UP FOR THE "SUPER SUNDAY"

FOOTBALL GAME

TJ WILL HELP YOU PICK YOUR SQUARE



Crab Feed Tickets on Sale NOW!

Available at Christmas Dinner check-in.

"Super Sunday" Crab Feed Tickets - \$45

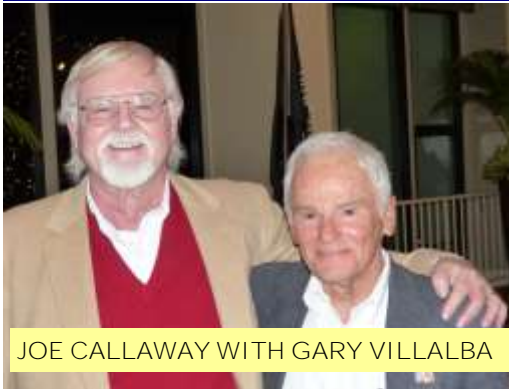
INTERESTED IN AN ENTIRE TABLE OF EIGHT - GET IT NOW!

Donations Needed for Silent Auction & Raffle -

Contact Donation Chair Jim Murphy @ 925 / 858-2618 or

Jim Hill @ 510 / 410-1040

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



JOE CALLAWAY WITH GARY VILLALBA



BLUE STAR MOMS



BLUE STAR MOMS CHAPTER 20 RECEIVE VNVDV DONATION



VETERAN of the YEAR
ANDERS SCHMIDT



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award
PATTI KINTZ



Gary Villalba 2018 Dedicated Service Award to Mike Slattengren surrounded by VNVDV's Past Recipients



CONCORD VET CENTER AWARD TO BILL (SANTA) GREEN



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO RON LOWE



NATHAN JOHNSON VSO DIRECTOR RECEIVES VNVDV DONATION



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

OVER 125 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2018 APPRECIATION DINNER & ENJOYED A GREAT DINNER & GALA EVENING



THANKS TO SAN RAMON VALLEY EMT FOR ASSISTING A MEMBER

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



MARATHON - BLUE STAR MOMS CHAPTER 101

VNVDV - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



A reminder to our Members & Dinner Guests:
We are a non-profit service organization.

Therefore - Absolutely **NO** politics - political discussions or political comments anytime. Not at our dinner tables or at Anytime during our meeting. Leave it at the door - when you are at a meeting please. Again, as a non-profit / non-political service organization & must protect our status & do not want to violate - our by-laws or jeopardize our state & federal status in any man-

**VNVDV PRESIDENT
BILL GREEN RECEIVES TOWN AWARD OF MERIT**




 Your support makes all the difference in the moments they live for.
Save the Date
APRIL 13, 2019
 Annual Sentinels Gala

Blackhawk Museum
 Danville, California

Commemorating the
 United States Air Force



DUBLIN CAMP PARK MILITARY HISTORY CENTER

NEW EXHIBIT

PARKS AIR FORCE BASE: 1951-1959
 November 9, 2018 – May 10, 2019
 Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Visitor Center
 Building 275, just before the Main Gate checkpoint
 Off Dougherty Road at Camp Parks Boulevard
Free admission

Parks Air Force Base was one of the few U.S. air bases without a runway. The Dublin location was a training center and overseas replacement depot during the Korean War. The first group of airmen arrived here in the summer of 1951, and mass training began in March 1952, with new recruits arriving from all over the United States to complete basic training, air base defense training and ground school.

Displays include:

- A recruit's "regulation" bunk with footlocker and souvenir
- Uniforms, including the herringbone jumpsuit worn on work duty
- An officer's desk, complete with a General McArthur snow globe
- Original Parks AFB Yearbooks with photos depicting training and comradery at Parks AFB
- Original construction plans, reports, photographs and documents for Parks AFB and Hospital



Parks Air Force Base, California

FOR SALE

ENCAMPMENT COORDINATOR


Hard-working, but requires frequent pee breaks and constant supervision to stay on task. Used to disrespectful insults and daily floggings. Current owners are motivated to sell due to subpoenas, restraining orders, parole violations, customer outrage and a desire to skip town and duck out on anticipated bills.



Time is running out - better call! For pricing information contact present owners:
 Mike Weber at 867-5309 or Jerry Yahiro at Beechwood 4-5789

VNVDV Member *January* Birthdays

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



The 119 annual
Army/Navy Game
 December 8, 2018
 Game starts 12:00

*It will take an upset for the Midshipmen
 To beat the Black Knights this year*

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
 (Go Navy)



**Bill Green—Three Years President
 Three Army Victories**



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VIETNAM HELICOPTERS MUSEUM

A non-profit organization in CA 94504-4700
"We fly to the rescue!"

Home Flights Collection Museum Events Programs Board Members

WORLD WAR II VETS RIDE IN A 'HUEY'



Charlie Fender, 100, left, Murray Hamada, 100, and four other World War II veterans board a B41 UH-1 Iroquois helicopter, also known as Vietnam "Huey" helicopters, at Buchanan Airport in Concord on Friday. The veterans were flown to the Mt. Diablo to view the lighted beacons in observance of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Thanks Mike and Chris for serving Veterans

VETERANS Free Vaccines & Wellness Exams for Your Pets



MARTINEZ VA



<https://www.arflife.org/pages/1059/va-mobile-clinic>

Check for 2019 UPDATED INFO

ARF's Mobile Clinic visits the Martinez VA & Livermore VA on an ongoing basis each month to perform **FREE** wellness exams, give vaccinations, and answer questions about basic pet wellness for veterans. Cats and dogs only and limit 2 [two] pets per veteran.

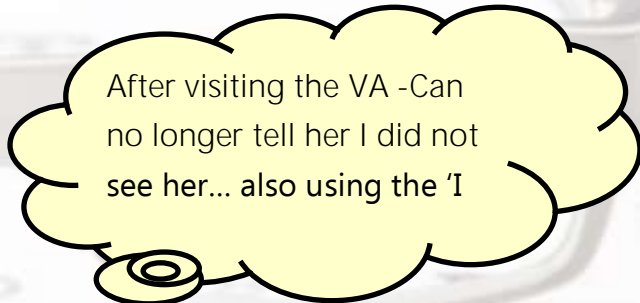
Services are provided at **NO COST** to Veterans presenting military ID / VA Health care photo ID.

Dogs Must be on-Leash and under Control at All Times. Cats must be in carriers. Wait times may vary; please wear comfortable clothes. Water will be provided for **PEOPLE AND PETS.** ARF'S MOBILE CLINIC WILL BE STATIONED in the Parking Lot area. **ClInics always on Fridays.**

Veterans can now schedule optometry and audiology appointments without a referral from their Primary Care Doctor.

For more information or to schedule an appointment today.

Call 1-800-382-8387



After visiting the VA -Can no longer tell her I did not see her... also using the 'I

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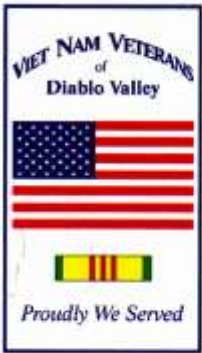
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San Ramon, CA 94583

ph. (925) 820-2202

fax. (925) 820-8911

Email: 48@fastsigns.com

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."



John T.J. Trujillo
Director of Procurement

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www.VNVDV.com



"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 holiday 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 Opens 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 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

OVER 600 NEW AWM GRANITE PAVERS BEING INSTALLED THIS MONTH

ALL WARS MEMORIAL

to Expand Paver Walkway

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

ALL WARS MEMORIAL PAVER APPLICATION



DEDICATED TO ALL WHO SACRIFICED TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM

www.AllWarsMemorial.org

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

Please Note: The AWM Foundation schedules our outside Professional Engravers - "Bras & Mattos Monument Company" for on-site Paver Engraving Only Two Times a Year. Questions: Visit the AWM Website

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the **All Wars Memorial Foundation (AWMF)** for purchase of an AWM Paver to honor the service or contribution made by an Individual Serving - a Veteran or Patriot with a Paver - or an **Organizational Paver** to Honor a Military Unit or Veteran Service Organization - **IN MEMORY** are only for those who died (KIA) in the service.

PURCHASER INFORMATION: (If paying by credit card use information on billing statement)

Name of Purchaser _____
 Address _____
 City / State / Zip _____

Contact **PHONE & E-MAIL** Address (Please utilize separate sheet & attach - to clearly provide all requested information - please **PRINT** clearly all information... Thank you)

INDIVIDUAL AWM PAVER - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$300.00 each

___ **IN MEMORY** (Only for those who died / killed while serving their country / KIA)
 ___ **IN HONOR** (On first line of all AWM pavers)
NAME (to be shown on Paver) _____

Can add **RANK** for those who served in the military (Rank optional - only if desired - not required. Up to two - lines available for Rank - Full Name- **maximum** of 15 characters on each line - including spaces. Visit Memorial to view Pavers for engraving ideas. **Please PRINT all letters.**

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

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


PAYMENT METHOD:
 Enclosed Check for: \$ _____
 Payable to: **ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - (AWMF)**
 Post Office Box 158 - Danville, CA 94526
 Charge my: Visa - MasterCard (Please Print clearly)
 \$ _____
 Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature and Date... & MAIL completed application to: **AWMF** - (address above)
All Pavers Ordered will be Engraved in the New Walk of Honor.
 View AWM Pavers on-line at: www.AllWarsMemorial.org

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Update Information on VETERANS' VOICES.



VETERANS' VOICES

Watch 7pm Mondays

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

facebook @VeteransVoices1

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

The Show Must Go On!

VETERANS' VOICES NEEDS YOUR HELP TO STAY ON THE AIR

Our fundraising group Friends of Veterans' Voices is now taking donations. Your donation will continue to provide valuable resources and information to our veteran population in Contra Costa County and throughout the Bay Area.

Earn a seat in our live studio audience, your name in our credits, or see your organization featured on our show!

facebook @VeteransVoices1

Make Checks Payable To:
Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation
P.O. Box 2133
Danville, CA 94526

cctv

When making out your check please write "Veterans' Voices" in the memo line.

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 Airls 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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Department of Veterans Affairs



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Martinez Primary Care Clinic
150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553

Advice Nurse-Appointment Line
800-382-8387
Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line
866-600-8279
Martinez, CA. 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez
- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!

VA's FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE - DROP-IN
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.

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
Visit the County VSO Office NOW...
for your FREE "Benefit Check-Up" - You Earned it!

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

Veterans Benefits Contact:

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Contra Costa County

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Martinez, CA 94553

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Fax: (925) 313-1490

Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us



Veterans Services

Because You Chose To Proudly Serve

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

Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

Contact: Thomas Corbett, Veteran Liaison Officer, LIC# 44629
(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785
TCOAK8@gmail.com



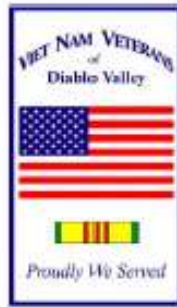
Rub it on - Pain is gone!

Promo Code: 2058

Mike Martin
Independent Vendor

1090 B Street, #128
Hayward, CA 94541
925.323.1093

www.AskMikeMartin.com | info@askmikemartin.com



December 2018

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announce their 15th annual charity fund-raiser & we respectfully request your support for this event. On **“Super Sunday” - February 3, 2019**, we will hold our annual **“Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed**, proudly honoring all those who served. This fundraiser will be at the Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue in the Town of Danville, beginning at 1PM.

We look forward to your business support for this important event with donated merchandise, gift certificates or gift cards to promote your business and/or services. Your generous donation will be used in our Silent Auction or Super Raffle held during the **2019 Charity Crab Feed fund raiser**.

VNVDV are an independent, “grass-roots”, non-profit & tax-exempt, 501(c)19, *Veteran’s Service Organization*, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. With a motto: **“Proudly We Served”** and **proudly continue to serve our community and veterans...** through your support of this annual event.

Funds raised through our **Charity Crab Feeds** support local veteran, active-duty military, non-profit community-service events & projects / programs we conduct/support or sponsor throughout the year - *including...*

- East Bay Stand Down – *Homeless Vet Support*
- Memorial Day Remembrance at Oak Hill Park
- 4th of July Parade – Danville - *Flag Distribution*
- Veteran’s Day Program - San Ramon Valley
- The VNVDV Speaker’s Bureau – *over 75,000 reached*
- Operation Welcome Home – *Returning Veterans*
- Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor” *for our Veterans*
- Blue Star Moms Support– *Troop Care Packages*
- Sentinels of Freedom Scholarships
- GWOT Veteran Retreat – *Duck Club Weekend*
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- Wheelchair Foundation – *Support/Distribution*
- Operation Santa Claus – *Supporting Active-duty*
- Veteran Memorial Building – *Museum Docent*

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, & our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our organization, visit our website at www.VNVDV.org – or contact us below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our **2019 “Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed** and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs.

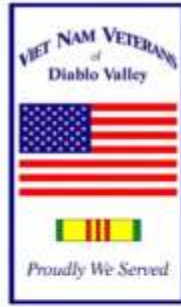
Thank you.

Sincerely,

William “Bill” Green - President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Telephone: **925 / 683-3293**
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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)** greatly appreciates and hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. The VNVDV is a non-profit service organization & the VNVDV organization provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of Veterans and specifically our annual fund raising event.

Your Donation Details

\$ - Value

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The money raised through our all-volunteer **2019 Charity Crab Feed**, will help support local veteran projects, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts & proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your generous support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

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

VNVDV Contact:

Treasurer Michael Slattengren - Telephone: (925) 837-6238 E-Mail: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

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Final Day - December 15th

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Through the Eyes of a Veteran

November 1 - December 15, 2018

Exhibition Opening Reception:

Thursday, November 1 | 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Compass and a Camera, A Year in Vietnam

Presentation by Steven Burchik
Thursday, November 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Featuring portraits by
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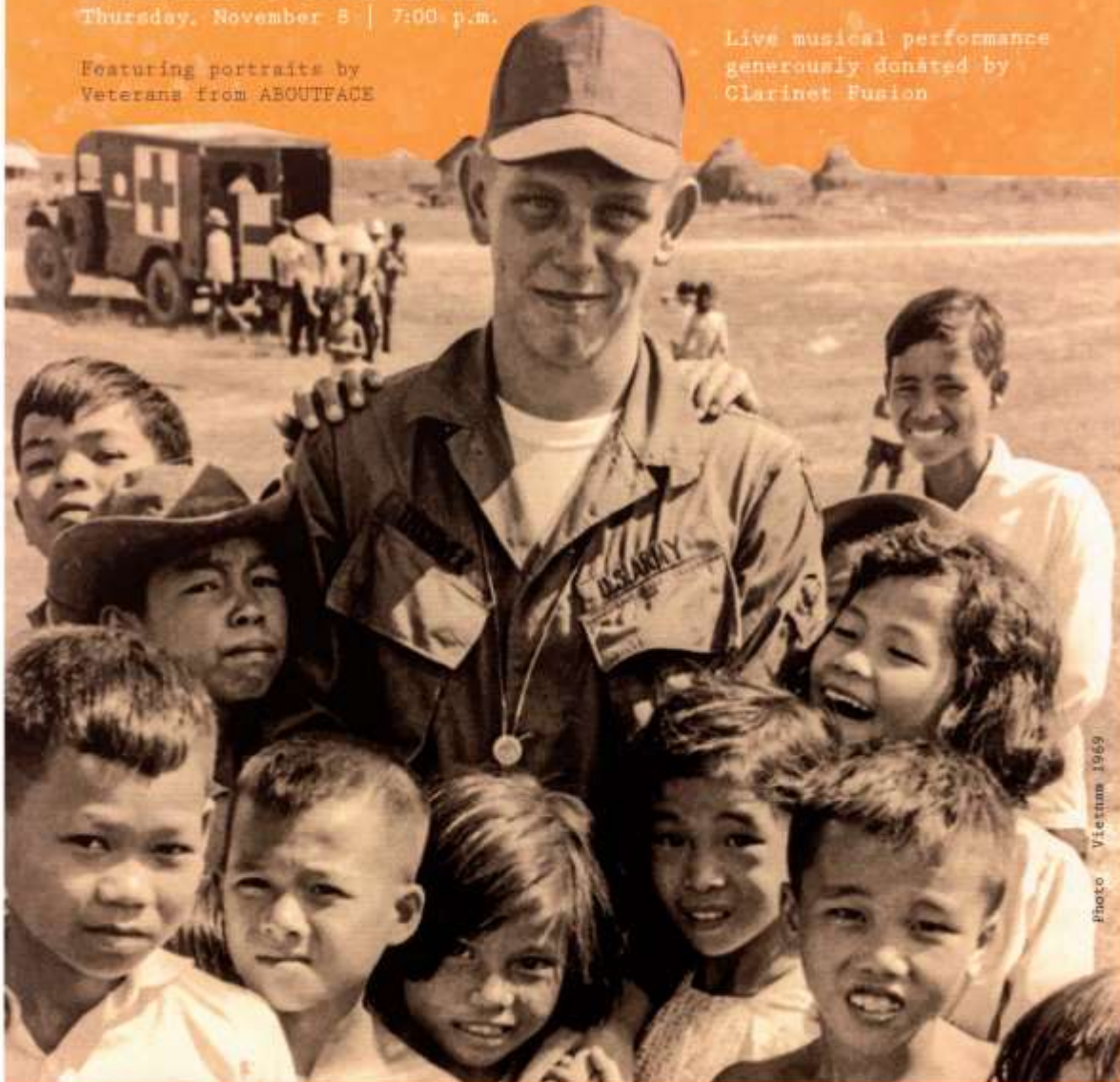
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Dear Coast Guard Supporter,

We are asking you to be part of something special! The Coast Guard has asked us - Navy League, USCG supporters and the San Francisco Bay Area maritime community - to sponsor the commissioning of their new Fast Response Cutter USCGC ROBERT WARD. The commissioning is planned for February 2, 2019, in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We have an incredible opportunity to make a difference, and to show our continued appreciation for the 24/7 protection of our nation's ports and waterways, as well as providing for the ROBERT WARD and her crew.

FRCs are 154-foot multi-mission vessels with a crew of 24. Each has a range of 2,500 miles and is equipped for patrols of up to five days. Designed to conduct drug and migrant interdictions, port, waterway and coastal security operations, fisheries and environmental protection patrols, defense missions and search and rescue. They have been described as a computer in a ship's hull with the ability to see over the horizon.

Please be part of this important event! Take an ownership interest in the first day of life for USCGC ROBERT WARD. Share the pride when this beautiful cutter comes to life and joins the Coast Guard fleet.

I'm asking you and to own part of USCGC ROBERT WARD by contributing **\$10, \$20, \$50 or more** (see enclosure). All donations are tax-deductible (EIN: 94-3018183) and will be listed in the donor program. Here is an opportunity to make a difference. Let's send the USCGC ROBERT WARD and her crew to sea with our support and gratitude.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jody Breckenridge in black ink.

VADM Jody Breckenridge, USCG (ret)
Chair, Commissioning Committee

Handwritten signature of Jeanne Sharkey in black ink.

Jeanne Sharkey
NLUS National Director Emeritus

Questions: Contact Jeanne Sharkey Phone (925) 228-1375 Email bjsharkeyiii36@gmail.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL? THE USCG IS COMMISSIONING RESPONSE CUTTER... USS WARD



Committee for Commissioning USCGC ROBERT WARD (WPC-1130)



USCGC ROBERT WARD is one of four Fast Response Cutters that will be homeported in California. Featuring advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment as well as over-the-horizon response boat deployment capability, the FRC has been described as an operational "game changer" by senior Coast Guard officials. The FRC will enable the Coast Guard to meet the 21st century demands working with partner agencies to protect our global supply chain, disrupt transnational criminal organizations that smuggle drugs and traffic humans into our nation, and keep our waterways safe and secure as well as helping to strengthen our security and emergency response capabilities in the Eastern Pacific.

USCGC ROBERT WARD's motto "Heroism Under Fire" is inspired by its namesake Robert Gratton Ward. Ward served as coxswain of a landing craft in the first wave of landing operations against the enemy on Cotentin Peninsula as part of the invasion of Normandy during WWII. Ward successfully landed his troop personnel despite heavy enemy opposition. Upon retracting from the beach, he observed the stranded crews from two other landing craft whose boats had been destroyed by enemy mortar fire. Ward returned to the beach, took off both crews despite continued shelling and returned safely with them to his ship. Ward was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action against the enemy.

Levels of Support and Recognition

PLATINUM: \$5,000 Honorary Plankowner Plaque and Certificate, Invitation for six (6) to the Chair's Reception, Invitation for six (6) to the Pre-Commissioning Breakfast, Seating for six (6) for the Commissioning Ceremony, USCGC ROBERT WARD ball caps and coins for six (6), Post Commissioning Reception, Recognition in the Donor Program.

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SILVER: \$1,000 Honorary Plankowner Plaque and Certificate, Invitation for two (2) to the Chair's Reception, Seating for two (2) for the Commissioning Ceremony, USCGC ROBERT WARD ball caps and coins for two (2), Post Commissioning Reception, Recognition in the Donor Program.

BRONZE: \$500 Honorary Plankowner Plaque and Certificate, Seating for two (2) for the Commissioning Ceremony, USCGC ROBERT WARD ball caps and coins for two (2), Post Commissioning Reception, Recognition in the Donor Program.

HONORARY: \$250 Honorary Plankowner Certificate, Seating for two (2) for the Commissioning Ceremony, USCGC ROBERT WARD ball caps and coins for two (2), Post Commissioning Reception, Recognition in the Donor Program.

CONTRIBUTOR: \$100 Honorary Plankowner Certificate, Seating for two (2) for the Commissioning, USCGC ROBERT WARD ball cap and coins for two (2), Post Commissioning Reception, Recognition in the Donor Program.

-----Please detach and mail with your tax-deductible contribution-----

YES, I look forward to attending the commissioning. YES, I've enclosed my tax-deductible contribution

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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

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Social Hour at 1700 - Dinner at 1815 - Guest Speaker - **Join Us!**

Featuring "Chef's Special Buffet Dinner" - \$25. RSVP NOT Required!

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