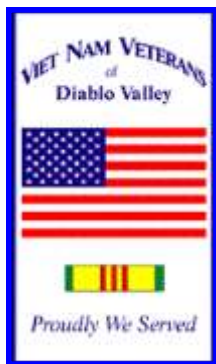


# INCOMING NEWS



MAR 2019

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**  
**Armed Forces Day - the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans**  
**THANK YOU to our Crab Feed Generous Sponsors & Supporters**  
**VMB CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER MAR 16TH**



Gary Estrella  
 VNVDV  
 President



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, February was a month to remember! More than enough going on for a short month to say the least. The month began with our Crab Feed – a huge success. Thanks to the advance planning efforts and event work of a lot of people and supporters, our efforts will enable us to continue serving veterans and the community. I know many people worked on this effort in front of and behind the lines. I would be remiss in not mentioning their names. **Slatts** did a superb job in keeping us organized, not to mention his expertise in accounting for our interests. Others deserving our thanks are: **Jerry Yahiro** for Crab procurement, **John Reese** – tickets and PR, **Dennis Giacobelli** - Set up Team, TJ – football pools, **Bill Green** – bar and jelly bean czar, **Lee Halverson** – event technical coordinator, **Cliff DeCuir** – clean-up team, **Jon Robbins** – appetizers & snacks, **Ray LaRoche** - sauce, **Jim Hill and Jim Murphy** – wine and silent auction coordination, **Patti Kintz** - raffle, and **Anders Schmitt** – “you name it”. Additionally, **Debbie Schafgens** and **Lorie Sammons** along with the **Dougherty Valley High School Interact Students** all deserve our thanks and gratitude.

*President's Message (Continued on Page Two)*

UPCOMING  
 EVENTS:

WALK OF  
 HONOR

Registration  
 OPENS Soon

On-line

SFRWalkofHonor

*To the Community*

**A Reminder... The  
 East Bay's Largest**

MEMORIAL DAY  
 REMEMBRANCE

Monday - MAY 27

ALL WARS  
 MEMORIAL

In Oak Hill Park -  
 3005 Stone Valley  
 Road (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



**MARCH SPEAKER**  
**JON ROBBINS**



**will speak on**  
**LOGISTICS**  
**TRUCK**  
**TRANSPOTATION**  
**in support of all**  
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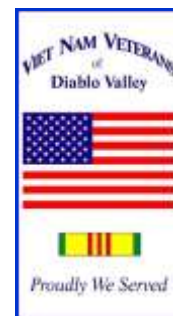
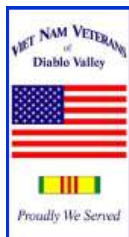
When Bill Green approached me about becoming President of the VNVDV, he said that the Board was the best anyone could have and to treat them nice. How right!!! Much Much Thanks!!

While I attended three veteran crab feeds and one Rotary Beer Fest at the Veterans Memorial Building in the last 30 days, the one event I attended for which I really am grateful is the California Gold Star Honor and Remembrance affair at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. My wife and I went over Thursday by BART, attended the evening reception, spent the night, and attended the Memorial Service the following morning. Getting the opportunity to visit with some of the families who have lost a loved one in the service of our country definitely underscores the cost of war. This experience fifty years later, after meeting these families, gives rise to the feelings of what I know my mother and others might have felt when their loved ones went off to battle. My father and all my uncles served in WWII or Korea and all came home. My brother and I served in Vietnam and my "wounded" letter reached my mother before the two Marines visited her to announce my misfortune. When I finally arrived home, my mother told me that she used to walk around the house aimlessly after I shipped out. When asked by my father what she was doing, she replied waiting for the visit she didn't want.

This Gold Star event on February 21-22 was an experience in which I was honored to have attended. To be able to be there for Gold Star families, to show support, to help grieve with them and celebrate the life of their loved ones and to help them get on with life are essential to their healing process and something I would do again. If you have not been to a Gold Star event, I would encourage you to find out more about it & do so. As a Veteran, our duty to others and our country doesn't end when we leave the uniformed service and lay down our arms.

God Bless those Gold Star Families.

**Gary Estrella**  
President  
PH: 925 / 962-9552  
E: gamastar6@aol.com



**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](http://www.CenterforAmerica.org) to post jobs at no cost.

# Community Friends & Supporters...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our FIFTH annual  
*combined*

**Veterans Service Organization**

## **CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER**

**Fundraiser**

**Tickets \$40.00**

**Saturday March 16, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

**Veterans Memorial Building**

**400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA**

**SILENT AUCTION-LIVE AUCTION-RAFFLE-  
DOOR PRIZES**

All funds collected go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building  
Operating Committee to pay for the operating expenses of the  
Veterans Wing of the building

**Purchase Tickets NOW at the VMB in Danville**

Or Contact Dennis Giacovelli at [houseworks@pacbell.net](mailto:houseworks@pacbell.net) or

Lee Halverson at [lhazmateer@aol.com](mailto:lhazmateer@aol.com) for tickets




**FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT THE VETERANS WING OPERATIONS**



The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley have been invited to attend the Wheelchair Foundation 2019 **VIETNAM: WHEEL & GRACE FUNDRAISING GALA** on **Saturday - March 9, 2019** at the Blackhawk Museum. **There is a special sponsorship level for members of the VNVDV of \$100 and please contact JERRY YAHIRO (925)-683-2541 [jyahiro@aol.com](mailto:jyahiro@aol.com) for an invitation. Individual Level Sponsorship begins at \$175. and up for non-members of the VNVDV.**

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**March 9th**



**Wheel & Grace**

A fundraising event hosted by Wheelchair Foundation,  
Light Dream Foundation and Friends of Hue

**Ask Jerry Yahiro  
for Details on Seats**

**VIETNAM: WHEEL & GRACE 2019**  
OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Your sponsorship of any size is greatly appreciated. All sponsorship levels, except the Individual level, will receive a table of ten at the dinner and a tax receipt as permitted by law. Other unique benefits are listed below.

**PRESENTING LEVEL - \$15,000**  
Recognition as Co-Host of the event along with NGOs and the Wheelchair Foundation  
Opportunity for a 2 minute multimedia presentation during the event (sponsor must provide media-ready content)  
If desired, logo embossed on the back of 200 wheelchairs for distribution  
Private pre-cocktail party, hors d'oeuvres and guided preview of two new galleries  
Advertisement on the back cover page of the event program book  
Recognition in the Wheelchair Foundation's "Changing the World" newsletter distributed to thousands of companies and families worldwide  
Two beautifully decorated tables in best ballroom location  
One bottle of Red Wine and one bottle of Champagne on table

**GOLD LEVEL - \$5,000**  
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VIP Wine Tasting at Museum

**SILVER LEVEL - \$3,000**  
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One reserved table for 10 in preferred ballroom location  
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**FRIENDSHIP LEVEL - \$2,000**  
Half page advertisement in the event program book  
One reserved table for 10

**GOLD INDIVIDUAL LEVEL - \$500**  
One seat at the event to enjoy the entire program and dinner in premium ballroom location  
Private pre-cocktail party, hors d'oeuvres and guided preview of two new galleries

**SILVER INDIVIDUAL LEVEL - \$300**  
One seat at the event to enjoy the entire program and dinner in premium ballroom location  
VIP Wine Tasting at Museum

**INDIVIDUAL LEVEL - \$175**  
One seat at the event to enjoy the entire program and dinner

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**BLACKHAWK MUSEUM**  
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville CA 94506  
Phone: (925)756-2280

**FROM SAN FRANCISCO**  
Take the Bay Bridge (I-80) east to I-580, then connect to Hwy-24 heading east toward Walnut Creek. At the Walnut Creek interchange, take I-680 south to Crow Canyon Road exit. Go east (left) on Crow Canyon Road 4.2 miles. Turn right onto Camino Tassajara. The first left (at the Movies 7 Theatre) is the entrance to Blackhawk Plaza. The second right takes you into the closest parking area. The museum is on the hill above the Plaza entrance.



**FROM SAN JOSE**  
Take I-680 north to Crow Canyon Road exit. Go east (right) on Crow Canyon Road 4.2 miles. Turn right on Camino Tassajara. The first left (at the Movies 7 Theatre) is the entrance to Blackhawk Plaza. The second right takes you into the closest parking area. The Museum is on the hill above the Plaza entrance.



The fair market value of this event is \$85 per person. All contributions exceeding the fair market value are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

For more information, please contact  
Wheelchair Foundation  
Rowann Papageorge (925) 648-5888  
[rpapageorge@wheelchairfoundation.org](mailto:rpapageorge@wheelchairfoundation.org) [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org)



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.



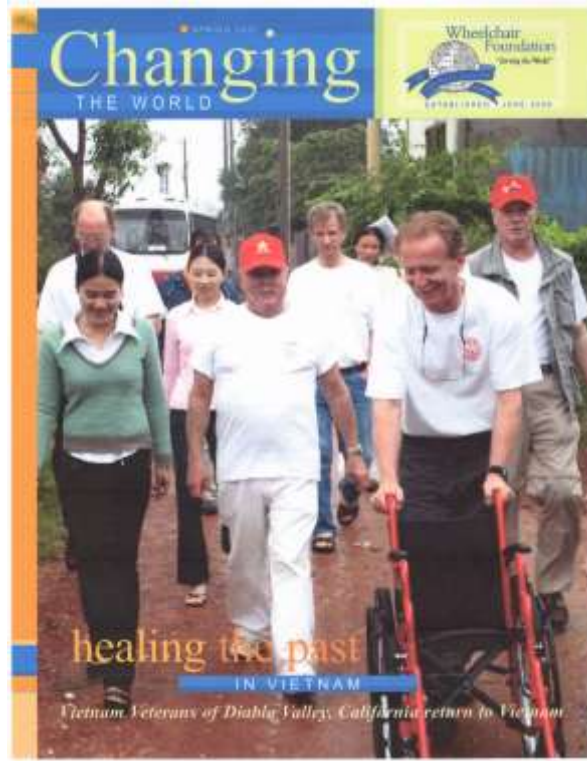
- October 28<sup>th</sup> SAIGON - ARRIVAL**
- October 30<sup>th</sup> CAN THO - MISSION DAY - SAIGON**
- October 31<sup>st</sup> SAIGON - CU CHI - TAY NINH**



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



- November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 HUE - HANOI**
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 HANOI - MISSION DAY**
- November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 HANOI - HA LONG BAY**
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 HA LONG BAY - HANOI**
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 HANOI - DEPARTURE**



**NOTE: DETAILED TRAVEL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE: [WWW.VNVDV.ORG](http://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 Bill."

"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 handicapped 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 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

care 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 misapprehension, we told each other stories, we hugged and we shook hands and eyes pooled. 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 him and 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](http://www.VNVDV.org) along with articles from the Wheelchair Foundation regarding the VNVDV distribution trip to VietNam.***





# THUNDER OVER THE BAY

HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES

AIR SHOW ★ TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

MARCH 30 - 31 ★ 9 AM - 4 PM



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- US ARMY GOLDEN KNIGHTS
- F-22 RAPTOR DEMO TEAM
- C-17 GLOBEMASTER III DEMO TEAM
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1333 WILLOW PASS RD, CONCORD, SUITE #106

**12PM - 3PM**

MARCH 2 & 9  
MARCH 30 & APRIL 6  
MAY 11 & 18

**DVC**

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

321 GOLF CLUB RD, PLEASANT HILL, ROOM: ART 301

**12PM - 3PM**

MARCH 16 & 23  
APRIL 13 & 14  
APRIL 27 & MAY 4

**2019**



# THANK YOU to "Super Sunday Crab Feed" Guests & Volunteers!



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





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# February Dinner Meeting - 2019







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



**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**

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### Ticket Information

#### Individual Ticket Sale

**\$300** [www.sentinelsoffreedom.org](http://www.sentinelsoffreedom.org)  
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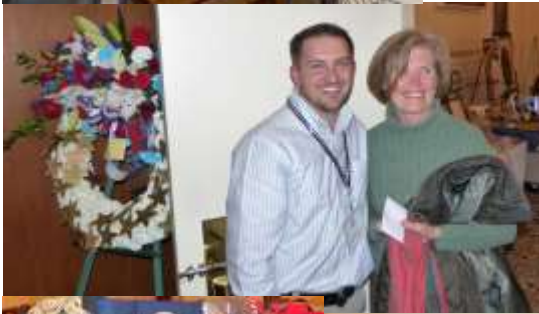
Gold Star Parents

Honor and Remembrance

The Blue Star Moms - East Bay Chapter 101 & the Marines Memorial Association Club & Hotel Honored & Remembered the Gold Star Families of California in a two-day Tribute in San Francisco at a Reception & Memorial Program to Honor our California Fallen Heroes. The VNVDDV was honored to attend.



The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley thank the Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 & Marines Memorial Association for their dedication & tireless efforts to honor & support our Gold Star Families each year.





# VNVDV Member *March* Birthdays

Frank Wallace	Marine	John Baker	Navy
Randy Parent	Army	Alex Siddo	Marine
Steve Burchik	Army	Bob Paulson	Army
Larry McKenzie	Army	Gary Phipps	Navy
Dennis Petersen		Army	

Correction to February Birthdays

Peter Garcia Navy

## NEW MEMBERS

George Coughlin	Army	Patty Wernet	Army
John Kelly	Army	Ellery Lausten	Army



**Thanks to the February Speaker *Mike Hoffschneider* for his presentation on the most recent benefits and medical services available through the Contra Costa Veterans Service Office in Martinez. Mike also discussed his experience as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Bliss, TX during 1968.**

*J. Rockcliff*  
JR

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California State Commanders Veterans Council  
All Veterans Day at the Capitol  
April 24, 2015  
State Capitol, Sacramento California



### TIME & LOCATION

8:30 am to 3:00 California State Capitol, Basement Eureka Room. Sacramento, CA.

Legislative speakers, Legislators of the Year Award presentations, visit legislative offices.

8:30-9:00 Doors open, mingle, continental breakfast.

9:00-noon Legislative speakers.

Noon-1:00 Free lunch for registered attendees.

1:00-3:00 Visit legislative offices.

**This event is sponsored by the California State Commanders Veterans Council!**

Founded in 1966, the CSCVC promotes the rights, benefits, and opportunities of veterans in the State of California.

### Who's invited:

All veterans who are active members of the organizations belonging to the California State Commanders Veterans Council (listed below).

Sign up to attend: Complete and email this form or your information to:  
Dana Nichol, Reeb Government Relations: [dana.nichol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dana.nichol@sbcglobal.net)

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Address:

E-mail / Phone:

Check the veterans organization(s) you belong to:

- |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN LEGION                   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN G.I. FORUM               | <input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF CA   |
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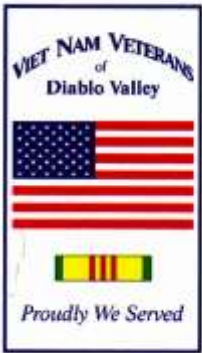
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**Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."**



**John T.J. Trujillo**  
Director of Procurement

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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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*

*Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: [www.MarineClub.com](http://www.MarineClub.com)*

*Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: [www.SentinelsofFreedom.org](http://www.SentinelsofFreedom.org)*

*Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: [www.WineforWheels.org](http://www.WineforWheels.org)*

*Blue Star Moms #101 website: [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) & Blue Star Moms #20 website: [www.ccbluestarmoms.org](http://www.ccbluestarmoms.org)*

*VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://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](http://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



ALL WARS MEMORIAL



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[www.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://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)

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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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](http://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](http://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

## 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!

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**Make Checks Payable To:**  
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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 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  
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The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA  
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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**  
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Visit the County VSO Office NOW...  
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Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office is "the place" to have all of your VA  
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**Veterans Benefits Contact:**

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[Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us](mailto:Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us)



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

**MAR 2019**



**Official Mailing Address:**

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**400 Hartz Avenue**  
**Post Office Box 2079**

**Danville, CA 94526 - 2079**

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**The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, and value & maintain a high level of dignity & respect for the young men & women currently serving our nation today in all branches of our military services. **Danville's Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** is home for the VNVDV and designed for the next 100 years - to serve our veterans now - those returning & our future veterans - while serving as a lasting reminder & Memorial for all those who served before us in the name of Freedom... *leaving a "legacy"*

The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday** of every month at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at **1800 Hrs.** in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com). All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our **"open"** membership meetings. This VNVDV is a casual - *"fun"* - social veterans group - always looking for new members who enjoy friendship & the special bond as military veterans. **We are Proud of our Military Service...** & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & community. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. Please join us... All dinner meetings are **OPEN** - bring fellow VietNam veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - community supporters... *see what a difference volunteering makes in the lives of others. All veterans welcome!*

**OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!**

**VIET NAM VETERANS**  
of  
**Diablo Valley**

**MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS**

**1st THURSDAY of each Month**

at **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB** in Danville, CA

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

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

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