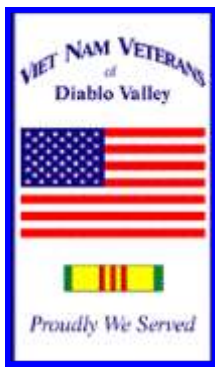


INCOMING NEWS



FEB 2020



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley *Business / Merchant Donations still needed for Silent Auction* *VNV DV Super Sunday Crab Feed Fundraiser Sell-Out!*



Gary Estrella
VNV DV
President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great presentation by our Wheel Chair Vietnam Veteran travelers. Thank you, Dennis and Jon. Thanks to the rest of the members for foregoing our usual introductions for the abbreviated format to accommodate Dennis and Jon's presentation.

Our *Super Sunday* February 2nd Crab Feed appears to be another sold-out affair. Great work by all the Committee Members. Guests will enjoy a great all-you-can-eat Crab dinner along with all-day appetizers... and best yet - *Amazing Desserts* prepared / donated by our **BLUE STAR MOMS** *Thank You for your support!*

The auction and raffle items are sure to generate a lot of interest. Don't forget to bring your bidding enthusiasm.

Remember the **King Pacific Fishing Trip for Two**. Drawing to be held at the Crab Feed. If you haven't bought your ticket for this chance of lifetime, time is running out. Hopefully, there will still be tickets available prior to the drawing. This Trip is valued at more than \$7,000 USD. **For tickets contact "Slatts" 925-837-6238.** *This is an amazing opportunity for someone... a fishing trip of a lifetime! You do not have to be present to win - so get your op-*

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

Members - Supporters
& Friends:

We urgently need your personal support to obtain Donations for our "Super Sunday" - FEB. 2nd 2020 **event! Final Countdown... Help us Obtain Needed Donations**

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

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

THE FEB INCOMING

Featured in this edition:

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

PLEASE NOTE:
The Crab Feed Donation Receipt on Page 16 of this newsletter can be printed as a single page and given to the Donor



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

DON'T MISS FEBRUARY SPEAKER MIKE MARTIN



will discuss his service in Vietnam as a Naval Supply Corps Officer at the Port of Da Nang. This was the Port of ingress for all supply and ammo deliveries from both Naval and Merchant Marine vessels.

The next event to put on your calendar is the March 14th **Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley Sixth Annual Combined Veterans Service Organization Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Fundraiser.** This is one of the two fundraisers the VMB has to raise funds to pay the operating expenses of our Building. It is incumbent upon all the VSO's to heartily support this fundraiser so we can continue to enjoy the benefits of our beautiful building. The **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is also a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day** and welcome Spring five days later. Besides, any event that has a name as long as this one deserves our attention!!!

Little shorter President's message this month as we are going to get the Incoming out before the Crab Feed. See you there . . .



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

2020 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 and receipt forms with you to use for soliciting your event merchant donations.

A donation idea list of items to request + 2020 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. 2nd!

2020 CRAB FEED is a FUNDRAISER

Crab Feed tickets for 2020 are SOLD OUT.

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

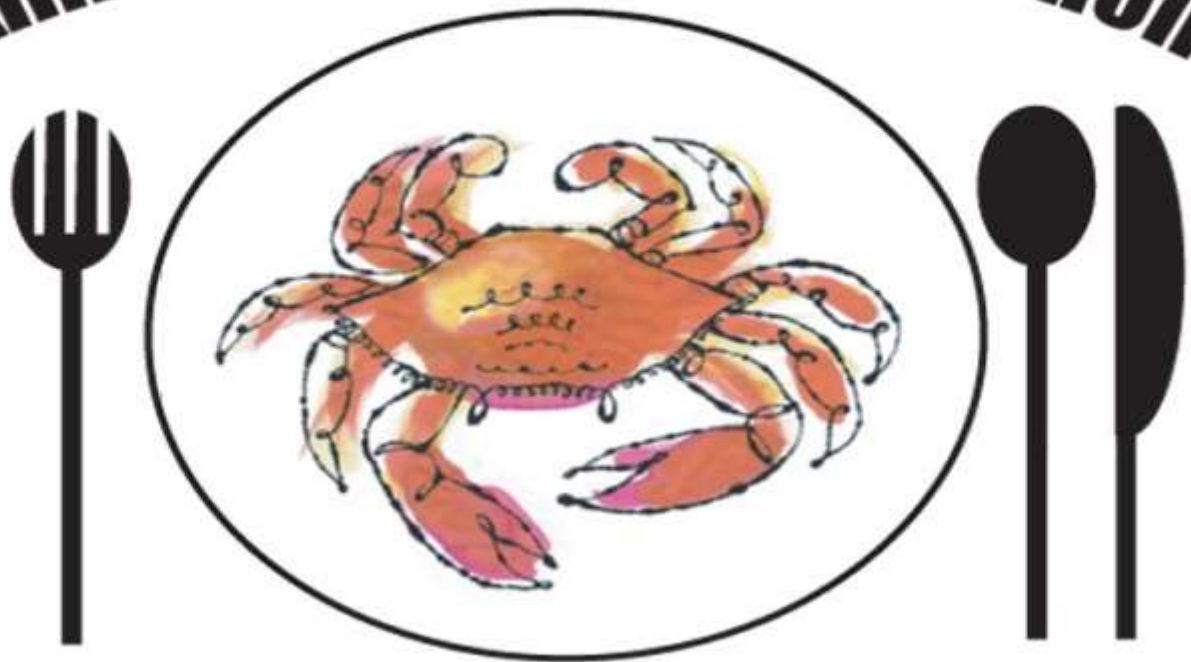
If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event.

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



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*

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

**OPENS AT 1 PM GET THERE EARLY
TO SELET YOUR SQUARES FOR THE
"SUPER SUNDAY"
FOOTBALL ENTERTAINMENT GAME
"T.J." WILL HELP YOU PICK YOUR SQUARE**



Crab Feed Tickets are Sold Out!

Donations Needed for Silent Auction & Raffle -

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

Jim Hill @ 510 / 410-1040

January Dinner Meeting Kicks Off - 2020



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Last Chance to WIN 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.



**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
4-day/3-night stay**

**½ Day guided each day
5hrs/day. Self-guided
unlimited hours of fishing**

**Luxury rooms feature a
soaker tub with panoramic
window views!**

**Roundtrip transportation
from Vancouver, Canada
South Terminal to Lodge**

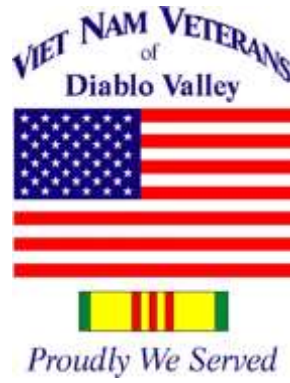
\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY

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

For information go to [King Pacific Lodge](http://kingpacificlodge.com) website to see details on this outstanding fishing opportunity visit: **<http://kingpacificlodge.com>**

To donate for this opportunity - 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

Join us on Sunday Feb 2nd at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley in the Town of Danville
Need Not be present to Win



Community Friends & Supporters...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our SIXTH annual
combined

Veterans Service Organization

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Fundraiser

Tickets \$45.00

Saturday March 14, 2020 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@pachell.net or

Lee Halverson at lhazmateer@aol.com for tickets



Thanks to the January Speakers *Dennis Giacobelli and Jon Robbins* for their presentation on the November 2019 Wheel Chair Distribution trip to Vietnam.

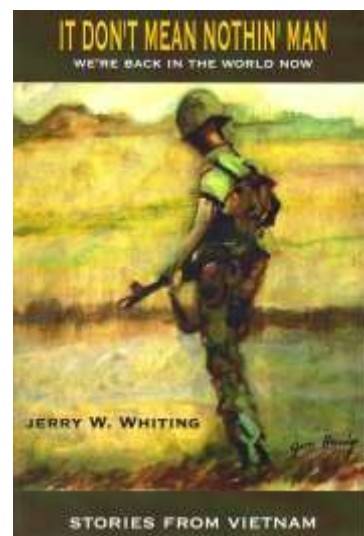
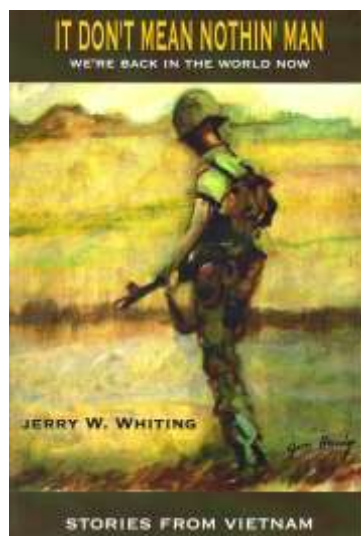


WELCOME HOME FOR SGT DANNY BENNETT USMC



Do YOU have your personal "autographed" copy of

JERRY WHITING's
new book about the VNVDV
"It don't Mean Nothin' Man
We're back in the world now"



The VA is now presuming service-connection for diseases related to Agent Orange for Veterans who served on Navy ships with 12 nautical miles from the shore of Vietnam (Blue Water Navy).

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office can assist any Veteran in submitting a claim to the VA for compensation based on this exposure. Contact **Nathan Johnson's** outstanding team at: **925/313-1481**

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran Act 2019

Law Extends Benefits for Eligible Veterans

Public Law 116-23, (Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019)

Public Law 116-23, (Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019) was signed into law on June 25, 2019 and takes effect January 1, 2020. The law extends a presumption of herbicide exposure to Blue Water Navy Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam and the offshore waters. Blue Water Navy survivors, and certain dependents may be entitled to benefits if the Veteran was exposed.

Under the law, certain Veterans, who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam, or who had service in the Korean Demilitarized zone (DMZ), may be entitled to disability compensation for conditions that are related to herbicide exposure. The law also provides benefits for children born with spina bifida whose parent was a Veteran with verified herbicide exposure in Thailand.

To be entitled to disability compensation benefits, these Veterans must have served between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, and have one or more of the conditions that are listed in section 3.309(e) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

Conditions related to presumed herbicide exposure¹:

- » Amyloid light-chain (AL) amyloidosis
- » Chloracne, or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne
- » Chronic B-cell leukemias
- » Diabetes mellitus, Type 2
- » Ischemic heart disease
- » Hodgkin's lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
- » Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- » Multiple myeloma
- » Parkinson's disease
- » Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- » Porphyria cutanea tarda
- » Prostate cancer
- » Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- » Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

¹ A Veteran experiencing any of the conditions on this list may be eligible for presumptive service connection under 38 CFR 3.309(e); however, a Veteran may be entitled to service connection on a direct basis under 38 CFR 3.303, if herbicide exposure is established and scientific or medical evidence shows that the claimed condition is medically associated with dioxin exposures.

How do I file a claim for disability compensation or survivor benefits?

- » Apply using the guidance at www.va.gov, www.va.gov/burials-memorials/dependency-indemnity-compensation **OR**
- » For initial compensation claims, submit a VA Form 21-526EZ; For initial DIC claims, submit a VA Form 21P-534EZ; For previously denied claims, submit a VA Form 20-0995 **OR**
- » VA-accredited Veterans Service Organization representative, attorney, or claims agent **OR**
- » Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. You can find your regional office on our Facility Locator page at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp>

What should be included when filing a claim?

- » State on your application that you are filing for one of the conditions related to presumed herbicide exposure such as Agent Orange.
- » Include any evidence you have of service in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the required timeframe. Include the name(s) of the vessel(s) and the date(s) you served within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, if you have that information.
- » Provide medical evidence showing a diagnosis of a current condition related to exposure to herbicide such as Agent Orange or tell us where you are being treated.
- » For more information on how to apply and for tips on making sure your claim is ready to be processed by VA, visit our Disability Compensation web page at www.va.gov/disability/



For assistance with filing any VA claim for a service-connected disability – the VNVDV highly recommends you use the services of our outstanding Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office in Martinez or their location in Danville at the VMB on Wednesdays.



Veterans need VHIC for in-person Commissary, Military Exchange, MWR access. Visit you VA Medical Clinic for enrollment.

This blog has been updated—at the bottom—to address a few common questions. If you have questions that are not answered in the blog below related to base access, commissary privileges and MWR, please call Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647.]

The Defense Department has announced expanded Commissary, Military Service Exchange and MWR access Jan. 1 and established a standard for physical access to military installations. Veterans who are eligible and want to take advantage of in-person benefits must have a Veterans Health Identification Card, or VHIC. Primary Family Caregivers must have an eligibility letter from VA's Office of Community Care.

Veterans use VHICs for identification and check-in at VA appointments, but will also use them for base access under the new program.. Veterans eligible solely under this act who are eligible to obtain a Veteran Health Identification Card must use this credential for in-person installation and privilege access. The card must display the Veteran's eligibility status (i.e., PURPLE HEART, FORMER POW or SERVICE CONNECTED).

Veterans eligible solely under this act who are not enrolled in or are not eligible to enroll in VA health care, or who are enrolled in VA health care, but do not possess a Veteran Health Identification Card will not have access to DoD and Coast Guard installations for in-person commissary, exchange, and MWR retail privileges, but will have full access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel.

How to get a VHIC: Veterans must be enrolled in the VA health care system to receive a VHIC. To enroll, you can complete an application for enrollment in VA health care by telephone without the need for a signed paper application. Just call 1-877-222-8387 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Eastern. You can also apply for VA healthcare benefits online at www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll, or in person at your local VA medical facility. Once your enrollment is verified, you can have your picture taken at your local VA medical center, and VA will mail you a VHIC.

ID needed to get VHIC: To ensure a Veteran's identity, enrollees must provide one form of primary identification when requesting a VHIC. Acceptable forms of primary identification are: Primary Identification (Unexpired) - State-Issued Driver's License - United States Passport or Passport Card - Other Government ID

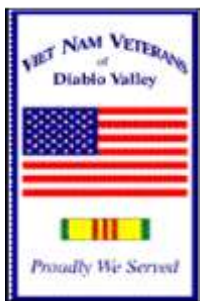
Once you have your picture taken, you should receive your VHIC within 10 days. If you have questions about the status of your VHIC, you may call your local VA medical facility where you receive your care or contact us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

The VHIC provides: Increased security for your personal information – no personally identifiable information contained on the magnetic stripe or barcode. Unique Member Identifier — Department of Defense assigns an electronic data interchange personal identifier (EDIPI) that allows VA to retrieve the Veteran's health record. A salute to your military service – The emblem of your latest branch of service is displayed on your card. Several special awards will also be listed. Accessibility – Braille "VA" helps visually impaired Veterans to recognize and use the card. Anti-Counterfeiting – Microtext helps prevent reproductions. Lost or stolen?

If your VHIC is lost or stolen, contact the VA medical facility where your picture was taken to request a new card be re-issued, or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387). Veterans will need to provide identification information, when reporting lost or stolen cards.

First visit: Upon the first visit to an installation, these eligible Veterans and caregivers must stop at the visitor control center. Depending on the type of installation, Veterans may enroll for recurring access, which would allow them to proceed to the gate for entry upon subsequent visits without having to stop again at the visitor control center.

As with all other individuals seeking access to DoD installations, all eligible Veterans must pass a basic on-the-spot background check prior to enrolling, and an automated check each time they enter the installation. Veterans with felony convictions, felony arrest warrants, or other types of derogatory information related to criminal history or terrorism will not be permitted entry.



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

P. O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - E-MAIL: VNVDV1@gmail.com - WEBSITE : www.VNVDV.com

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@aol.com..com

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

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VNVDV Member *February* Birthdays

Russ Kennedy	Air Force	Alex Giouis	Army
Alvin Webb	Navy	Eric Ardell	Navy
Harold Griggs	Army	Tom Corbett	Marine
Bob Musor	Army	Jim Kuhn	Air Force
Ray Hill	Air Force	Pete Garcia	Navy
Dick Harrow	Navy	Tim Hart	Marine
Don Love	Marine	Jim Hardy	Army
Mike Speakman	Navy	Dave Brown	Army
John Rehnberg	Air Force	Wayne Rice	Army
Rudy Rodriquez		Navy	

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THE "SUPER SUNDAY"
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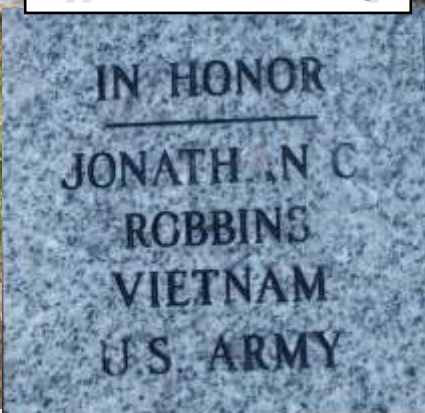
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Expanded Walkway - 600 New Pavers Now Available!

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Fall Engraving Delayed Due to Rain - Scheduled for 2020

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ALL WARS MEMORIAL GRANITE PAYER ORDER FORM

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the
All Wars Memorial Foundation or purchase an AWM Paver
To honor the service or contribution made by an Individual Serving -
Veteran or Patriot with a Paver - *or* Honor your Organization or Unit

PURCHASER'S INFORMATION: (If paying by credit card
Use the information as on the billing statement)

Name of Purchaser

Address

City / State / Zip



Please provide **Contact Phone & E-Mail Address** (utilize separate
sheet & attach, if needed to clearly provide requested information.

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

____ IN MEMORY (for those who died while serving their country)

____ IN HONOR (for all other pavers)

NAME (to be shown on paver) _____

Can add **Rank** for those who that served in the military.
Up to two lines available - maximum of 15 characters on
each line - including spaces. **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 all others)



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

PAYMENT METHOD:

Enclosed Check for: \$ _____

Payable to: **ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - (AWMF)**
Post Office Box 158 - Danville, CA 94526

Mall to

Charge my: Visa - MasterCard (Please Print)

Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature and Date... & mail to: AWMF (address above)

www.AllWarsMemorial.org

ARF MOBILE CLINIC for VETERANS at VA Clinic in Martinez

Free Vaccines and Wellness Exams for Veterans' Pets

ARF's Mobile Clinic visits the **Martinez VA** and **Livermore VA** on an ongoing basis to perform free wellness exams, give vaccinations, provides flea & tick plus heartworm medication and answer questions about basic pet wellness for veterans.

Cats and dogs only – and a limit 2 pets per veteran [per visit].

Services are provided at no cost to veterans presenting Military ID or VA Photo Health Care ID Card.

Dogs must always be on-leash and under control.

Cats must be in carriers.

Please clean up after your pets.

Clinic Opens at 9 AM Wait times vary; please wear comfortable clothes.

Chairs & Water will be provided for people and pets.

The ARF Mobile Clinic travels throughout the regions of Contra Costa County working with residents who cannot otherwise access services and on Friday's works with our partners at our local **Departments of Veterans Affairs [VA] to administer wellness checks for the pets of Veterans.**

ARF's 33-foot, custom-built, state-of-the-art Stephen Ball Mobile Clinic is named in memory of Stephen Ball with gratitude for his generous legacy gift, a reflection of his love for nature and animals.

ARF's Mobile Clinic comes to VA Northern California Health Care System's Martinez Clinic at **150 Muir Road in Martinez** (in parking lot next to Building 19) to administer free vaccines and wellness checks for the pets of veterans. Check-in begins at 9:00 AM & goes until 12 Noon or until full [usually 20 vets]

Must present military or Veteran Health ID. All services first-come, first served

ARF Mobile Clinic Calendar at VA

Every other Friday at **Martinez VA Clinic from 9 AM until 12 Noon**

Every other Friday at **Livermore VA Clinic from 9 AM until 12 Noon**

MILITARY EXCHANGE ON-LINE SYSTEM OPEN TO VETERANS!

The Military Exchange System - the Department of Defense's oldest and largest military retailer is honored to serve all honorably discharged Veterans with a lifelong **online military exchange shopping benefit**.

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The Basics

Who is eligible for this benefit?

Honorably discharged Veterans of all United States Armed Forces, including the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard as well as the Air Force Reserve, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve and National Guard.

What is the benefit?

Approved Veterans can shop the online exchanges, including ShopMyExchange.com! Shopping with the Exchange online gives you access to exclusive military pricing and offers, tax-free shopping and more. This is a lifelong benefit that will be extended to all who discharge honorably from service.

When did this benefit take effect?

The Department of Defense announced this benefit it became effective on Nov. 11, 2017.

Where can I use this benefit?

Online with any of the military exchanges. *This benefit does not grant installation access. *[Service-Connected Veterans]*

Why have these shopping privileges been extended to Veterans?

To recognize and honor your service, make your life better and improve the overall military community. Expanding online shopping privileges strengthens funding of military Quality-of-Life programs including Army Child Development Centers, Youth Programs and Fitness Centers, Air Force Outdoor Recreation programs, affordable school lunches for Warfighters' children overseas, combat uniforms below cost and more.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

[Click here to sign up for an account!](#) Note: You may be asked to submit discharge paperwork for review to verify your eligibility. This can be for several reasons, but most likely, the record we have for you is missing a type of discharge (commonly called "Character of Service" or "Character of Separation"). You will be provided a link to VetVerify.org, a shared service of the four military exchanges, to upload your documentation. This process can take up to three days to complete; you will be notified by the VetVerify customer service team when your documentation has been reviewed.

Additional benefits for all Service-Connected Veterans with a VA Health Care ID Card Effective in January 2020. See additional information on this benefit in other flyer. If you do not have a VA Health Care Card - visit our County Veterans Service Office to Assist and determine if you are eligible to receive this VA Health Care Card for your Service Connected disabilities that can be rated from 0% or more! For on-base shopping.

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Contra Costa Animal Services New Fee Structure to Take Effect on January 1st

Martinez, CA – Beginning on January 1st, 2020, Contra Costa Animal Services (CCAS) will be implementing a new fee structure, updating exiting fees to reflect the actual costs of services provided by the Department and to comply with new state laws. Approved by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on November 19, the new fee structure amends the Department's current fees – adjusting certain fees and creating new fees – and changes the licensing options available to County residents to better reflect the licensing needs of pet owners in Contra Costa County.

Highlights of changes incorporated in the Department's new fee structure include:

- Shifting from a line item adoption fee structure to a flat-rate adoption fee structure, based on breed, age and sex of the animal.
- Allowing seniors (65yrs or older), veterans and current service members to license their first pet for free, and each additional pet for a 50% reduced license fee.
- Increasing the cost, and decreasing the penalty, for pet licensing.
- Amending the options for pet licensing from three options (1-year, 2-year & 3-year licenses) to two (3-12 months & 12-36 months licenses).

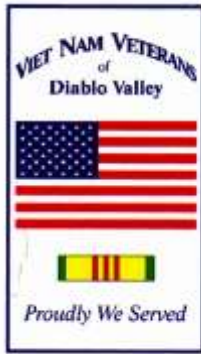
“At its core, this updated fee structure represents a commitment to our community,” said Beth Ward, Director of Contra Costa Animal Services. “While the update will certainly bring our fees into balance with the true costs we incur, we are most excited about the benefits our patrons will enjoy, including lower overall adoption costs and allowing veterans and elders in our community to license their pets for free or at a reduced rate.”

To view the entire updated 2020 fee structure, [click here](#). To view the existing 2019 fee structure, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Contra Costa County Animal Services' Media and Community Relations Manager Steve Burdo at 925-393-6836, or by email at steve.burdo@asd.cccounty.us.

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

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 trip to Vietnam. Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors our VietNam War Veteran Members

**VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Special 50th VN Commemoration -
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**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 with 600 Pavers
Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member or patriot with a special AWM Paver Tribute!

ENGRAVING DELAYED DUE TO RAIN!

Custom Engraving is performed Spring & Fall. Take time to **visit the AWM** - then the website for an application form. Order your AWM Paver **www.AllWarsMemorial.org**
Questions? See link on AWM Website

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org

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

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

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

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

VETERANS' VOICES

A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

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

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

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

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

"VETERAN VOICES"
on THIRD MONDAY OF MONTH

**TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR
QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN
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EBSD 2020 MEETINGS START 2ND TUES OF FEBRUARY IN DANVILLE AT 6 PM AT VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

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

EAST BAY STAND DOWN 2020 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS WILL START 2ND TUESDAY in FEB.

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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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!*

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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!**

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

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