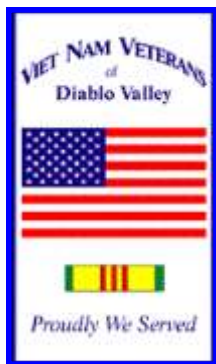


INCOMING NEWS



JAN 2020

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley HAPPY NEW YEARS!!!

Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Going Fast! Got Yours?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!!

I remember way back when... and I mean way back when! Back about the time I started working for a paycheck, I looked at the calendar and thought 2010 is going to be the year I turn 65 and could retire with Social Security. 2010 came and went... and I am now hoping to see 2038 when I turn 93, my financial planner says I run out of money and need to sell my house if I want to eat and have a place to sleep! Not sure if I really need to be too concerned about his prognostication or where he thought I could or should eat - if I sold my house.

Those of you who attended our *Christmas Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala* know that **Rich Lambert**, our organization's fourth VNVDV President was the recipient of our highest recognition - the **Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award**, a very well-deserved recognition for all of his efforts on behalf of the VNVDV all Veterans and the veteran community. *Congratulations* to Rich and our Veteran of the Year, **Jon Robbins** & our Volunteers of the Year. *See the photos inside the newsletter!*

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 "Slats" Slattengren @ 925 / 837-6238**

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

DON'T MISS JANUARY SPEAKERS DENNIS GIACOVELLI &

JON ROBBINS
will discuss their 2019 tour of Vietnam with the **WheelChair Foundation.**



This successful trip of 25 travelers distributed 460 wheel chairs to three different locations. Join us for our Jan. 2nd Dinner



Gary Estrella
VNVDV
President



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

KING PACIFIC LODGE

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



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

VETERAN 's

SAT Morning

Social Coffee...

Join fellow

Veterans each Saturday

8 AM until 11 AM

In Danville at the

Veterans

Memorial

Building

Pastries too!

Thanks to all those who participated in the **Wreaths Across America** program at the Alamo Cemetery. Our February 2nd **Super Sunday Crab Feed Event Committee** has been working very hard to ensure a successful event. Thanks in advance for all their work. Reminder to our members & supporters - If you **haven't bought your ticket yet, time is running out. We only sell 160 seats!** Also, do not forget one of the highlights at the Crab Feed is the *announcement of the winner* for the **King Pacific Lodge Fishing Trip of a Lifetime**. If you **haven't donated for the opportunity to participate** for this incredible trip this is your last opportunity... *what are you waiting for?*

Thanks to all who helped out and supported the **Veterans Memorial Building's hosting of the ARMY / NAVY Game** on Dec. 14th - what a great event! Navy did it. *Go Navy!!* They Army couldn't or should I say the **Black Knights couldn't deny** the 2020 graduates of the USNA class a win. This win prevented a 0 and 4 record against West Point for the graduating Midshipmen.

Thank you to **Santa** & our members who donated gift cards to support **MARATHON Refinery** in planning - supporting & conduct **"OPERATION SANTA CLAUS" 2019** - for active-duty military families & disabled veteran families... *you made Christmas brighter for these children.*

A Huge Thank you to **PHILLIPS 66** for their generous support of our programs helping all **Veterans...** and my personal thank you to all who made our **VNVDV 2019** program of events truly remarkable! **Let's out do ourselves for 2020.**

Look forward to seeing you at our Jan. dinner!

Happy New Year.

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 your 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

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.

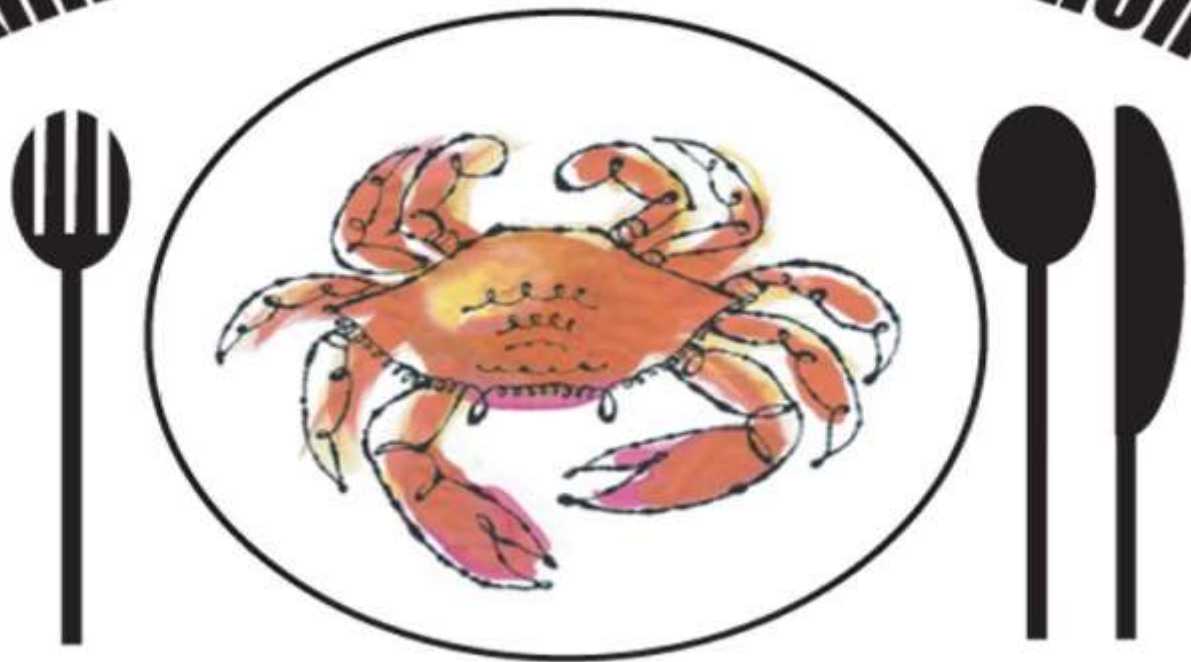
If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event.

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



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

JANUARY DINNER MEETING
SIGN UP FOR THE "SUPER SUNDAY"
FOOTBALL ENTERTAINMENT GAME
"T.J." WILL HELP YOU PICK YOUR SQUARE



Crab Feed Tickets on Sale NOW!

Available at January Dinner check-in.

"Super Sunday" Crab Feed Tickets - \$50

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



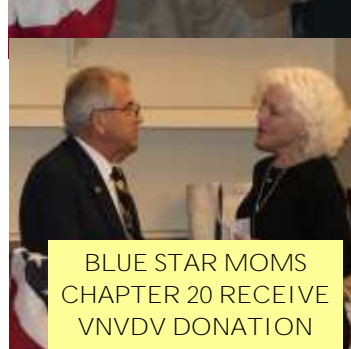
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GOLD STAR MOMS



NATHAN JOHNSON VSO DIRECTOR RECEIVES VNV DV DONATION



BLUE STAR MOMS CHAPTER 20 RECEIVE VNV DV DONATION



JEFF JEWELL RECEIVES DONATION TO CONCORD VETS



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award MARILYN STEICHEN



VOLUNTEER of the YEAR Award MARCIA ESTRELLA



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP JEFF JEWELL



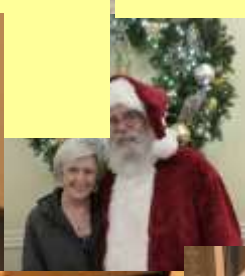
VETERAN of the YEAR Award JON ROBBINS



Gary Villalba 2019 Dedicated Service Award to RICH LAMBERT



Gary Villalba Award to Rich Lambert surrounded by VNV DV's Past Recipients



Appreciation & Recognition by the VNV DV went to:

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Blue Star Moms - Chapter 20 and 101 Concord Vet Center - VNV DV Recognized the efforts by the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - AMVETS Huey Display—Warriors Watch Riders - all VMB/SRV Veteran Service Organizations

OVER 125 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2019 APPRECIATION DINNER & ENJOYED A GREAT DINNER & GALA EVENING



CHRISTY'S DONUTS
Since 1987

436 Diablo Rd.
Danville, CA 94583
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Weekends 6:00-1:00



- Donuts
- Coffee
- Pastries
- Bagels

More Than 2 Dozen: Please Call Ahead
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A Group of 40 VNVDV members and guests attended, courtesy of David Coleman VP Officiation at PAC-12 who donated the tickets. Our members were given Pre-Game Field Passes to meet with the referees. At half-time 5 members were invited on field to receive Geico Hometown Heroes Award on behalf of the group. Those selected included: Steve Burchik, Bill Green, Jim Murphy, Dave Smith and John Schafgrens.



DAVID COLEMAN



HAYWARD ARTS COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS
AT THE JOHN O'LAGUE GALLERIA
VETERANS ART PROJECT

Show title: Veterans Art Project
Exhibition Dates: December 6, 2019 to January 17, 2020
Reception: Friday, December 6, 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Exhibition Location: John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall

The Alameda County Arts Commission in collaboration with Hayward Arts Council are proud to present this group exhibition of artwork created by local Veterans who participated in the Veterans Art Project at the Oakland Vet Center and Cal Veteran Services Center.

For many years, Jim Hardy has been carving sculptures, taking pictures, and drawing portraits and scenes documenting his experiences in the Vietnam War.



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The Fishing Trip of a Lifetime!



KING PACIFIC LODGE TRIP FOR THE 2020 SEASON

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

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

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

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



**VIET NAM VETERANS
OF DIABLO VALLEY**

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

**The fishing trip of a
lifetime!**

Major VNVDV Fundraiser!

**Trip for 2 for a
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**

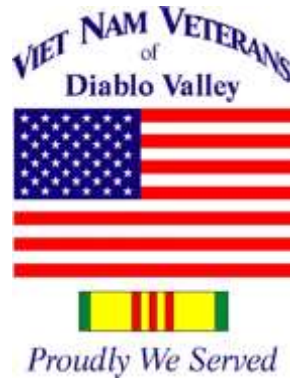
\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

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

For 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



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



MARATHON - BLUE STAR MOMS CHAPTER 101

VNVDV & FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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





Save the Date

MARCH 14, 2020

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

**Sixth Annual
Combined**

**Veterans Service
Organization**

**CORNERED BEEF AND
CABBAGE DINNER**

Fundraiser

**Tickets available in
January**



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who serve... TEACH our children the value of Freedom...

Saturday December 14, 2019 10AM
Alamo Cemetery
130 El Portal, Danville



VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley supported & participated in Alamo Cemetery "WREATHS Across America"



The 120 annual Army/Navy Game

December 14, 2019
Game starts 12:00

Can the Midshipmen stop the Black Knights streak at three?

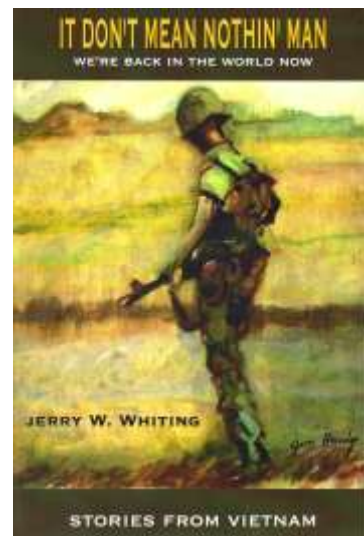
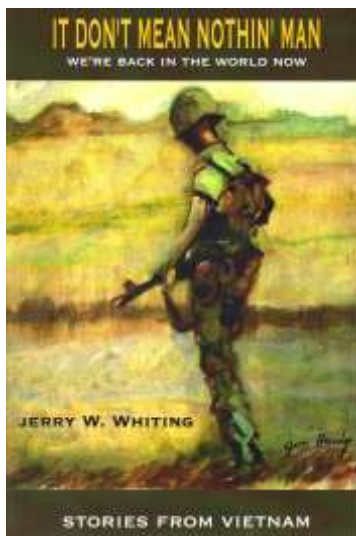
Come join your fellow Veterans upstairs
In Your
Veterans Memorial Building
For hot dogs, chili, nachos,
Camaraderie, and The Game
Bring a side dish, dessert or beverage

Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee
with a generous donation from the
Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Assoc.



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"





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.

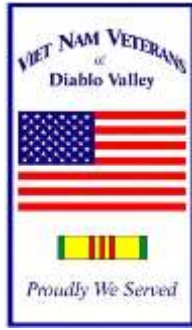
We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2020 **“Tribute to our Troops”** Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity to our veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

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

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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



Date: _____

DONATION RECEIPT

To: _____

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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VNVDV Member *January* Birthdays

Ron Allen	USMC	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
Tim Sammons	Navy	Mike Feddersen	USMC
Thurman McCormick	Army		

JANUARY DINNER MEETING

**SIGN UP FOR THE
"SUPER SUNDAY"**

GAME SHEETS

**TJ WILL HELP YOU
PICK YOUR SQUARE**



J. Rockcliff



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ATION VNVDV DISTRIBUTION TRIP

VETERANS VOICES



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

Your online shopping benefits include:

Tax-free shopping

Military-exclusive pricing

All Veterans eligible for on-line shopping Members-only credit options

Free ship- or any your MILITARY STAR™ Card **using Military Exchange System** ping on orders over \$49 amount when you use

Check your eligibility and start saving today!

[GET VERIFIED](#)

[Read the letter from Exchange Director/CEO Tom Shull](#)

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 in January 2017; 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.

Why have these shopping privileges been extended to Veterans?

ALL WARS MEMORIAL

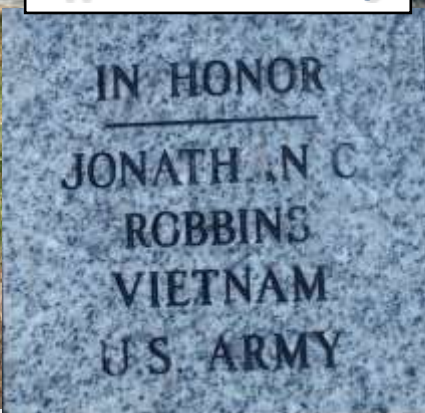
Expanded Walkway - 600 New Pavers Now Available!

Thank You to the patriotic community for Honoring their

ALL WARS MEMORIAL PAVER APPLICATION



Application On Next Page



www.AllWarsMemorial.org



Fall Engraving Delayed Due to Rain - Scheduled for 2020

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)

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!

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Your online shopping benefits include:

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Military-exclusive pricing

Members-only credit options

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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.

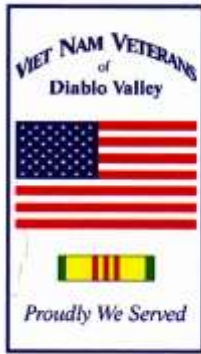
How do I know if I'm eligible?

[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.

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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Looking for a
unique BIRTHDAY Gift?
Donate a new
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great for someone
who has everything!

The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips, 2006, 2012 and the Fall 2019 to VietNam.. Wheel Chairs Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

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

The VNVDV 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 Commeration -
Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.**

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

All Wars Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Get your Veteran Certification for DMV License

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

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

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

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

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

Watch 7pm Mondays

VETERANS' VOICES

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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
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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 Nov 18th celebrated MICKEY GRANICH'S 100th birthday and discussed the experiences of VNVDV member travels to VIETNAM



Because You Chose To Proudly Serve

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EBSD CHANGES FOR 2020

September 20, 2019

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

EAST BAY STAND DOWN 2020 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS WILL START IN THE NEW YEAR!.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jerry



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

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VNVDV Members & VIPs

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

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

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

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

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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