

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 5th will hopefully be our last dedicated Zoom Dinner meeting.

The surprising upside of Zoom meetings has been that we get to connect with those members who have moved away from the area. We have talked with Mike Martin in Texas, Chelle in Idaho and even Gene Ghio in Aptos throughout the pandemic. It would be great to "see" Ray in Reno, John Estes in Fort Bragg, Rich Lambert and Gary Pforr in S. CA, Chris Mez. in Texas, as well as the many others who live too far to attend in person.

In September we will work on having a successful "hybrid" in-person/ zoom meeting. For sure, it will be a work in progress, but we might get it working smoothly by the end of the year.

VIRTUAL MEETING JULY 1ST



AUGUST VIRTUAL SPEAKER SGM (CA) Dan Sebby



Chief Curator, Military Museum Department and Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Museum Support Unit

SGM SEBBY WILL SPEAK ON CALIFOR-NIA NATIONAL GUARD WORLD WAR II HISTORY

For your Calendar

Monday August 30th the Veterans Memorial Building is having a "Tips for Change" fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. It is the only fundraiser for the year. Please make reservations at least the week before. Remember Vice-Mayor **Newell Arnerich** and Town Councilmember **Robert Storer** will be waiting tables and **Karen Stepper** will be greeting you at the door. Can't beat that cast!

Thursday September 2nd join us for our first on-site Dinner of the year, at the Crow Canyon Country Club. **Call or email Slatts to make a reservation so** we know how many to tell the club. (925) 216-7139 or <u>slatten-</u> <u>gren.vnvdv@gmail.com</u>. We will have hand sanitizers available throughout and extra precautions. Wear a mask if you wish. Hopefully we are all vaccinated, if not, the Club asks that you please wear a mask.

Saturday September 4th will be the rescheduled 4th of July parade. The same parade, but in September. Come on out in uniform (long or short blue pants, white VNVDV polo shirt and white tennis shoes). Carry a flag, hold a banner or pass out flags. It is always a good day.

That's it. **Stay safe and healthy**, and live life to the fullest every day.

Dennis Giacovelli President PH (925) 383-6455 houseworks@pacbell.net



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Crow Canyon Country Club monthly meetings return **September 2, 2021.** It has been a year and a half since we were able to gather together so look at your calendars and make note of the VNVDV return to dinner with friends. Starting in September the meal cost will be \$30. As stated in the President's message **RESER-VATIONS** will be required. Contact info. Call or E-mail Mike Slattengren (925) 216-7139, slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

Pictures from Aug. 2019, Dinner.



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Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley pancake breakfast on the 4th of July! VNVDV GATHERING AT LUNA LOCA FOLLOWED PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

VNVDV MEMBER, PAT LEARY HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLED WITH THE FVSO FOR YEARS AND SPENT MUCH OF HIS TOUR IN VIETNAM IN THE KONTUM PROVINCE. THESE SHORT NOTES ARE AN UPDATE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. NOTHING GETS DONE WITHOUT MONETARY SUP-PORT. VINH SON ORPHANAGE DO-NATIONS FEED THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM.

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE FARMILIAR WITH THE MON-TANARDS AND THE STRUGGLES THEY HAVE ENDURE DUE TO THEIR DISTRUST OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM AND THE LIFE SAVING RESULTS IT YIELDS.

Friends of Vinh Son Orphanage (FVSO), Kontum, Vietnam Patrick Leary, FVSO President



Patrick Leary, FVSO President and VVDV Life Member, invites you to join with him, and other loyal supporters, by contributing to FVSO. Your help is critical during these difficult times as a result of Covid-19. Your help is greatly appreciated by the children and their caregivers. FVSO is a 501©(3) non-profit group that provides support for the six Vinh Son Montagnard orphanages in the Kontum region of Vietnam and the Sao Mai orphanage in Pleiku. These facilities are home to over 700 Montagnard children who are cared for by dedicated Catholic Nuns. For 20 years, FVSO has been a major contributor to the well being of these very special children. Through tax deductible donations, we provide food, medicine, dental care, education, shelter and emergency relief aid.

To donate or to contact FVSO

Mail: FVSO, P.O. Box 9322 Auburn, California, 95604

Web: FriendsofVSO.org Email: FriendsofVSO@gmail.com

AUGUST 30, 2021 VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING'S OPERATING COMMITTEE DINNER FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH OAK HILL PARK, DANVILLE 4:30

20TH REMEMBRANCE

KEYNOTE MAJOR YUERS HONOR FIRE, POLICE & MILITARY





Questions 925-998-8865



PRESENTED BY SRV EXCHANGE





Danville Sunday Car Shows



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY THE FOURTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021



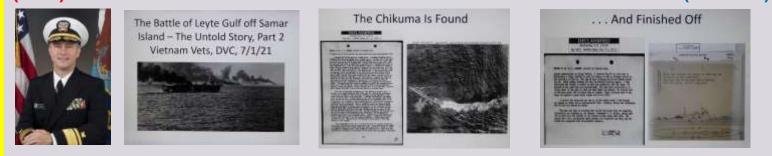
THE VMB GOUNDS ALWAYS LOOK EXCELLENT SHOUT OUT FOR JOHN REESE



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY AUGUST BIRTDAYS

Jack Enright	Army	Denver Mills	Navy
Ed Meshinsky	Army	Carl Swanson	Army
Bob Wright	Marine	James Hart	Marine
Bill Picton	Marine	Mike Martin	Navy
Mike Paul	Navy	Doye Sivils	Army
Mimi Steel	Air Force	Gary Sponseller	Army

THANKS TO THE JULY VIRTUAL SPEAKER TOM ANDREWS, RADM USN (Ret.) FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON THE BATTLE OF LAYTE GULF (PART II).



THE BLUE STAR MOMS, CHAPTER 20 AND CHAPTER 101 HAVE DEVELOPED A PROGRAM TO HONOR FALLEN VETER-ANS. MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO BE LOCATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE VETERAN. EACH MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED WITH A CEREMONY THAT PERMITS THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN RECOG-NITION OF THEIR LOSS. VNVDV SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM AND ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR SSG DANIEL SCHEILE AND SGT JOHN ARAGON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4TH AT ANTIOCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESCHEDULE DATE WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER.





TURN BACK THE CLOCK 35 YEARS FOR THE LATEST MOVIE SELECTION

Movie Review by: FORWARD OBSERVER



"PLATOON"

Not a new movie, but clearly a classic in the genre of military movies, especially relating to the Vietnam conflict. Yes it is violent. Yes it has disturbing scenes. Yes it exaggerates the conflict between fellow soldiers, but the war was violent and affected everyone who spent time there. Oliver Stone released this movie in 1986. He had real combat experience, having served with the 25th Infantry Division.

The one scene that stands out for accuracy for this reviewer is the night ambush where the platoon sets up along a trail and spends the night waiting for the enemy to move past this location. The contrast between the silent, dark night, followed by the sound and light of explosions, rounds and screams still reverberates through to this day. Even on nights when nothing happened we took turns resting in tentative sleep patterns not knowing if we'd make it to the morning.

It is important to remember that this is a movie, not a documentary, so the director should receive credit for bringing a realistic depiction to the screen. Bottom line: An excellent film.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)







Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.



Next Show: Monday, Aug 9 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Caregivers for Veterans"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or-Facebook: veteransvoices1





MEET YOUR NEW ID. THE ONE THAT'S READY TO FLY.

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Be your REAL ID self by May 3, 2023

ARE YOU READY?

REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS MAY 3, 2023

The deadline was moved to May 3, 2023, for the Golden State and the rest of the nation as the coronavirus pandemic lingers on. The pandemic has made it harder for residents to make trips to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, since the agency is still operating in person at a limited capacity.



REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS MAY 3, 2023



DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

Now is the time to consider a REAL ID!

REAL ID is the next generation of identification recognized across the country.

Starting **October 1, 2020**, you will need a REAL ID, valid passport, or other federally approved form of ID to travel by plane within the U.S. or to access federal facilities and/or military bases.

If you decide not to get a REAL ID, your California driver license or identification card will display the phrase "Federal Limits Apply" while a REAL ID will display a California bear with a star.

Add "VETERAN" to your license!



How to get a REAL ID

To convert your California driver license or identification card renewal to a REAL ID you must visit a field office. Beat the rush by making an appointment early, or check wait times online to visit as a walk-in.

You will need to bring:

- Proof of identity (such as birth certificate, valid U.S. passport, or permanent resident card)
- 3. Proof of CA residency (2 documents, such as home utility bill, vehicle registration, property tax bill, or mortgage or lease agreement)
- Proof of Social Security number (SSN card, W-2 or paystub with full SSN)
- Proof of name change (if the name on your identity document is different than the name on your application)

Find out when, how and the best way to get your REAL ID at REALID.dmv.ca.gov or 1 (800) 777-0133.

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Access VA Services When You Need Them



ChooseVA is your one-stop for all the choices you have for VA benefits and services.

- Explore and apply for VA health care
- Learn about home loans, educational help and other assistance
- Access health resources

Learn more at www.choose.va.gov.



Your go-to for all VA services. Call this 24/7, toll-free number for all your VA needs: 1-844-698-2311.



Confidential chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255.



Sign up for a My HealtheVet (MHV) account at

www.myhealth.va.gov.

- Access your personal health information and keep records of your health services.
- Order VA prescription refills.
- Send nonurgent messages to your VA health care team.
- Get email reminders of upcoming VA medical appointments,



Learn about your health conditions, medications, medical tests, and more at www.veteranshealthlibrary.org.



Reach your VA Care Team over live video with this convenient and time-saving app

you can download at mobile/ valgov/app/va-video-connect.



All Wars Memorial - PAVER Application Form

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 service or contribution made by an Individual Serving - Veteran - Family Member or Patriot with an engraved granite Paver - or a special AWM Organizational Paver to Honor: Military Unit - Service Organization - patriotic group. Note: IN MEMORY pavers are only for those who died (KIA) in the service /no dates on paver.

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

Name of Purchaser

Address

City / State / Zip

Contact Phone & E-Mail Address (Please utilize separate sheet & attach, if needed to clearly provide requested information .- please <u>PRINT</u> clearly all information ... thank you)

INDIVIDUAL PAVER - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$ 300. each

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

IN HONOR (for all other pavers - Veterans & Patriots) RANK:

NAME

(to be shown on paver)

Up to two - lines available for Rank & Full Name - maximum of 15 characters on each line - including spaces. If desired- add Rank for those who served in the military (option not required). Please PRINT all letters clearly No dates on pavers

BRANCH of SERVICE: (circle one) - U. S. Army - USMC - U. S. Navy - USAF - USCG -Army/Air Corps - Merchant Marines - National Guard - or - PATRIOT (all others) - military branch or Patriot is always engraved on bottom line of paver.

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

PAYMENT METHOD: * Enclosed Check for: \$	*Contact Paver Consultant for these	
Payable to: ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - (Post Office Box 158 - Danville, CA 94526 - 0158		
Charge my: Visa - MasterCard (Please Print clearly) #		
Card Number	Expiration Date	Security Code
	DATE:	
Signature and Date Mail completed application & payment method to: AWMF	- P.O. Box 158 - [Danville, CA 94526

Visit the AWM at Danville's Oak Hill Park - www.AllWarsMemorial.org

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."



SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS "DROP-OFF" LOCATIONS



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



"VETERAN VOICES" on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.







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"*

VNVDV Members & VIPs

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 & comunity. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. Please join us... All dinner meetings are <u>OPEN</u> - 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!

To

RESUMPTION OF DINNER MEET-INGS, SEPTEMBER 2ND 2021

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" - \$30 RSVP Required!

"INCOMING" News - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV





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