

INCOMING NEWS



NOV 2021

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

**OPERATION SANTA RETURNS
TARGET GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED
FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT**

HOLIDAY APPRECIATION GALA DEC 2ND



Dennis Giacovel II
VNV DV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all got a chance to visit the wonderful and very educational displays at the Veterans Memorial Building over the four days during Veterans Day weekend. The Library and Historical Collections Committee (LHCC) and others put together quite a museum. Along with the Veterans Day Ceremony, Purple Heart Ceremony and Pancake Breakfast, the Huey out front, bunting and the huge American flag, our Veterans and our Community made quite a ceremony.

December 2nd will be our annual Christmas Dinner and recognition gathering. In addition to the usual activities, we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary. **I will be giving out a special VNV DV 30th Anniversary challenge coin to each member. Please consider bringing a \$25 Target gift card in lieu of a toy for this year's Operation Santa.**

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

VNV DV HOLIDAY AWARDS DINNER DECEMBER 2019



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: 58th "Eye of Diablo" Beacon Lighting Ceremony DEC 7th



Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outdoors at the Cal State East Bay Concord Campus, at 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road in Concord at 3:45. The Ca State system requires all campus visitors to be vaccinated or have a valid exemption.

If you haven't already rsvp'd, check with Slatts to see if there is still room. I will be bringing the coins to future meetings so ask me next month if you are not attending Christmas Dinner.

December 11th at 12:00 pm, Saturday, will be the Army/ Navy game. Please come and join us in the downstairs main hall and bring a side dish to share and a beverage.

December 18th at 11:00 am, Saturday will be the annual Wreaths Across America at the Alamo Cemetery. Come join our community in laying a wreath at the grave of deceased veterans from our community.

I sincerely wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I wish you also good health and safe travels. Spend time with friends and family. And, may next year be your best year yet.

Dennis Giacovelli
President
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houseworks@pacbell.net



VNVDV MEETING, DECEMBER 2ND at Crow Canyon Country Club **will require all attendees to present confirmation of full vaccination. A copy, print or photo on phone, will be checked by CCCC personnel. Masks will be required for the indoor dinner.**

2022 VNVDV Hawaiian BBQ

Sunday - Feb. 13th

“Donations Needed”

For the Feb. 13 Hawaiian BBQ donations don't fall from the sky. For this 2022 event Jim Murphy and Jim Hill need everyone's help to make the Auction successful. Contact them to discuss ways to contribute to the success of this fund raiser.



Left: JIM MURPHY, 925 858 2618
jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Right: JIM HILL, 510 410 1040
jamauihill@yahoo.com

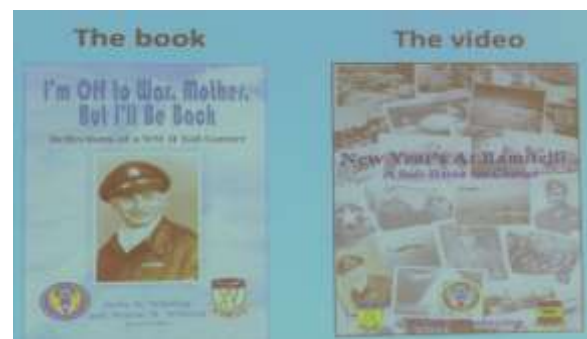
Veterans Day Parade Pleasanton - Sun. Nov 7



Veteran's Pancake Breakfast Hosted by the DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL



VETERANS DAY 2021 - FOUR DAY PRESENTATION TO HONOR THOSE WHO SACRAFICED FOR THEIR COUNTRY



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

**SUPER
LUAU**

Join us at our Annual Fundraiser

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Veterans Memorial Building - Danville, CA

"Doors Open at 1:00 PM"

Hawaiian Luau Dinner ■ Silent Auction

Raffle ■ Door Prizes ■ Tiki Lounge

TICKETS \$60.00 PER PERSON

To purchase tickets contact Michael Slattengren
(925) 216-7139 or Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

▼▼▼ DONATIONS ▼▼▼

We need your support. Please donate to our silent auction.

Contact: Jim Murphy • 925 858-2618
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Contact: Jim Hill 925 858-2618
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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
SUPER
LUAU
DINNER & FUNDRAISER

Calling All VNVDV Members, we need your support & help!

As an organization the VNVDV is committed to supporting veterans, active military and our local community. In order to ensure our commitment we must raise funds that support the needs these important groups within our community. The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their "Super Luau" annual fundraiser, and respectfully request your help and support for this event. Our event will take place on February 13, 2022 at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526.

A Hawaiian style Luau dinner will be served along with a Silent Auction, Raffle and Door Prizes. Attendance is limited to 120 people based on current COVID mandate, cost is \$60.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Michael Slattengren at (925) 216-7139 or Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com. As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley we respectfully request your support for this event.

- Frequent a local restaurant? Asked them for their support with a gift card/certificate or you can buy a gift card for your next visit as a way of supporting them during these challenging times and ask them to match it as a way of supporting the VNVDV.

- You can do the same when dealing with any of the local businesses you support throughout the year.

- Ask family and friends. Many of our best donations come as a result of who you know. Reach out and ask for their help and support.

- Receive gifts of wines and spirits? Why not consider re-gifting them as donations for our event.

All donations received will be identified with the donor's name.

All donors will be acknowledged to our membership and to the community at large.

These generous donations will ensure our continued commitment of support to our veterans and active military community.

If you have any questions regarding donations or need help getting them to us please reach out to:

Jim Murphy – Tel: 925 858-2618 EM: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Jim Hill – Tel: 510 410-1040 EM: jamauihill@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

JIM MURPHY HAS PREPARED AN EXCELLENT GUIDE TO ASSIST MEMBERS SOLICITING DONATIONS

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Thank you in advance for your support!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 8:00 PM

BLACKHAWK
Chorus

Presents

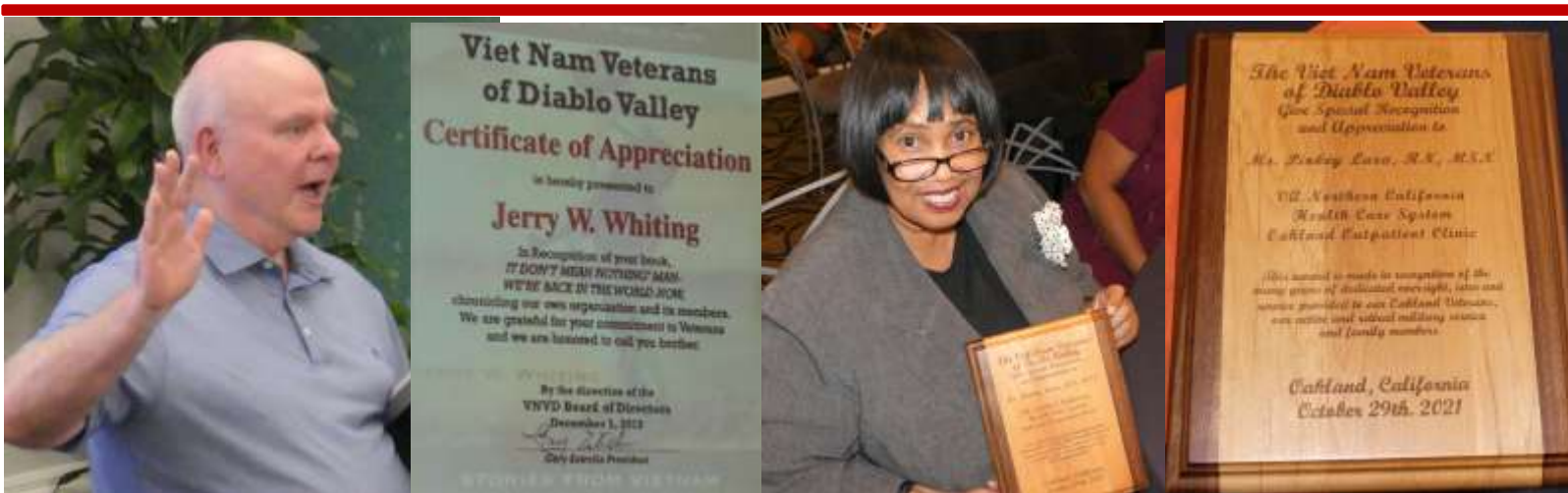
*Here We Come
A-Caroling*



Saturday, December 11 | 8:00 pm
Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church
1801 Lacassie Ave, Walnut Creek

For ticket information visit blackhawkchorus.com

NOVEMBER 4TH VNVDV MEETING AT CCCC



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DEC. 18TH 10:00

ALAMO CEMETERY, 130 EL
PORTAL, DANVILLE, CA 94526
(CAAACA)

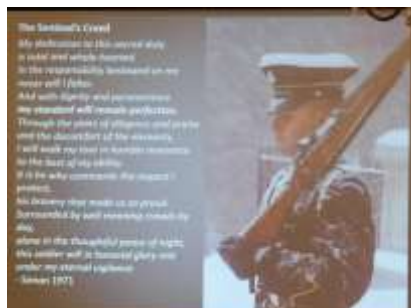
PLEASE HELP US REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH ON
DECEMBER 18, 2021 AT 10:00 AM BY SPONSORING A WREATH,
VOLUNTEERING, OR INVITING FRIENDS TO HELP.

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

On December 18, 2021 at 10:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be at Alamo Cemetery, 130 El Portal, Danville, CA 94526 to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button next to the cemetery name below, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

Thanks to the November speaker **Steve Shodeen** for his discussion of his experiences while assigned to The Old Guard. Steve's Badge 386 is a Life Time Achievement and Steve is participating in the 100th Anniversary of the of the Old Guard honoring the Tomb of the Unknown.





For more than a century, they've been at it.
The Black Knights against the Midshipmen.
Army vs. Navy

The Greatest Rivalry In Sports.

Army/Navy Game

December 11, 2021

Game starts 12:00

Come join your fellow Veterans
downstairs in the main hall

In Your

Veterans Memorial Building

For

hot dogs, chili, nachos,

Camaraderie, and The Game

Bring a side dish or refreshment

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY
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November 1, 2021

Dear VNVDV supporter,

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their "Super Luau" annual fundraiser, and respectfully request a silent auction donation to support for this fundraising event. Our event will take place on February 13, 2022

The VNVDV is an independent, "grass-roots", *non-profit, tax-exempt*, 501(c)(19), veterans' organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam veterans. We "proudly continue to serve" our community, through a variety of programs and events.

The money raised through this fundraising event, supports the ongoing administrative costs of the VNVDV. More importantly, these funds also support our various Veteran, serving military and community related events and programs, throughout the year. These include:

- The All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville's 4th of July Parade
- Danville Veteran's Day Program
- The VNVDV School Speaker's Bureau
- The Holiday Gift Drive
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- GWOT Young Veterans Retreat
- The East Bay Stand Down
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus

As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley I respectfully request your support for this event, I am asking you to support our silent auction with a donation of an item, service or gift certificate represented or manufactured by your organization/company. All donations received will be identified with the donor's name. All donors will be acknowledged to our membership and to the community at large. These generous donations will ensure our continued commitment of support to our veterans and active military community. For donation follow-ups/referrals please contact: Jim Murphy (925) 858-2618 or Email: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com.

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, or how you can contribute and donate please visit our website or e-mail us at the address below.

I look forward to you joining us in support of our annual charity fundraiser and I'm grateful for your generosity to our veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dennis Giacobelli, President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Date: _____

DONATION - DONOR RECEIPT

To: _____

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. We are 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 2022 Charity Fundraiser, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. Thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

2019 Auction Coordinator
Auction Donation Committee 2022
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Contact: Jim Murphy - Telephone: (925) 858-2618 - E-mail: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.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

VNVDV **DECEMBER** BIRTHDAYS

Harry Stonelake	Navy	Chelle Clements	Army
Floyd Cox	Army	Mike McDaniel	USMC
David Koury	Navy	Patrick Pralle	Navy
Gene Cota	Air Force	Ron Lowe	Army
Cliff DeCuir	Army	Bill LaVigne	Army
James Taylor	Army	Lawrence Tehero	Air Force
Kelly McHugh	Navy	Steve Telles	Navy



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MICKY GANITCH,
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR, NAVY, 102
YEARS OLD THIS DECEMBER**

OPERATION SANTA 2021 SERVES 100 FAMILIES CONSISTING OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AND GWOT VETERANS. THE COAST GUARD PROVIDES THE EVENT LOCATION AND THE SELECTED FAMILIES RECEIVE TOYS AND GIFT CARDS THAT HELP THEM ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. VNVDV MEMBERS MAY DONATE TO THE PROGRAM BY BRING A GIFT CARD FROM TARGET WITH A SUGGESTED VALUE OF \$25. THE GIFT CARDS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 4TH AND THE DECEMBER 2ND MEETINGS.



If you have any questions or would like to schedule a viewing, call or email me.

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combined

Veterans Service Organization

**CORNERED BEEF AND
CABBAGE DINNER**

Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday March 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM

**Veterans Memorial Building
400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA**

**GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE,
SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE,
DOOR PRIZES**

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY
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A NEW MOVIE REVIEW ~ A 2005 FILM YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Movie Review by:
FORWARD OBSERVER



“JOYEUX NOEL”

Released in 2005, this French production (with subtitles and English language) tells the story of soldiers from France, Germany and Great Britain fighting in the trenches of Europe on December 24, 2014. This movie is based on a true event. Soldiers from all 3 armies had paused the fighting on Christmas Eve, when a German tenor from the Berlin Imperial Opera starts singing a solo. The French soldiers who hear him applaud and Scottish bagpipers join in as the officers agree on a one night truce. The soldiers from each army meet and share greetings for a short time. The truce concludes as a priest says a mass in Latin which was the common language for Catholics of all nations. The aftermath went poorly for all participants as their senior officers punished them for fraternizing with the enemy.

This film can be especially meaningful for each of us *as we remember where we were on Christmas Eve in a combat zone*. Perhaps it was a special meal, a gift from home or the quiet of the night while standing guard in a remote outpost. Happy Holidays to each of you.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars) ★★★★★



Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.



Next Show: Monday, DEC 13 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "BEST CLIPS of 2021 "

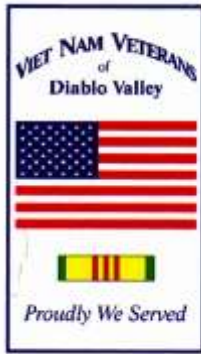
Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**



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."

For all your VNVDV Shirts and Hats team with TJ and Power Stitch



John T.J. Trujillo

Director of Procurement

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VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation

"Serving the World"



Looking for a unique BIRTHDAY Gift?

Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

The 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 Commemoration - Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.

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

All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands
The New Paver Section 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!
1st ENGRAVING COMPLETED—Hopefully 1 in May!
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 - Call the County VSO Office for Assistance - 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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FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez
- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!


**VA is now offering Covid
vaccines to non-veteran
spouses and veteran caregivers**

**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 2nd 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 2nd Monday at 7 pm on CCTV
www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices
Call in Live: (925) 313-1170

Contra Costa TV is channel 22 on Astoria, channel 27 on Concord, and channel 91 on AT&T U-verse
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

"VETERAN VOICES"
on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

**TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR
QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN
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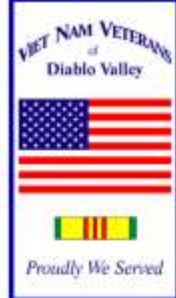
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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!*

PAST PRESIDENTS

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Mike Weber

Mike McDaniel

Rich Lambert

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Established 1991

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

**DINNER MEETING, DECEMBER
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!**

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