

INCOMING NEWS











JUL 2021







ON SEPTEMBER 2ND MONTHLY MEETINGS RETURN TO CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB VNVDV HAVE ARRANGED A VITUAL MEETING

FOR THURSDAY JULY 1st ~ 6pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

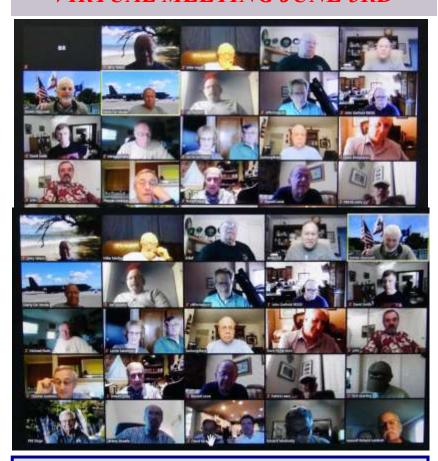
At several solemn events over the past two months, I noticed that our members have started to venture out and are attending events. Although the Memorial Day Remembrance and honoring VNVDV members who passed away were somber, there was an uplifting spirit. It was good to see so many of you in person again.

On the 4th of July, there will be no parade, but the Kiwanis will be holding a pancake breakfast at Luna Loca restaurant. For those of you who normally participate in the 4th of July parade, you know that we all end up at Luna Loca after the parade for Margaritas and chips anyway. Perhaps Pancakes and Margaritas can catch on. For those of you who miss the camaraderie, come join me, in uniform, at 8:00-10:30. I hear that some of our friends will be cooking. You do have to get tickets in advance at:

www.srvkiwanis.org/store/2021pancake-breakfast

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

VIRTUAL MEETING JUNE 3RD



JUNE VIRTUAL SPEAKER



RADM Tom Andrews, USN (Ret.) will discuss The Battle of Leyte Gulf from the perspective of the contribution of the USS Kitun Bay (CVE-71) and VC-5 which in-

cluded Tom's Father. PART TWO

Monday August 30th the Veterans Memorial Building is having a "Tips for Change" fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. Please make reservations the week before. Special treat-Vice-Mayor Newell Arnerich and Town Councilmember Robert Storer will be waiting tables and Karen Stepper will be greeting you at the door. It promises to be a great night.

July and August we will continue to have Zoom Dinner meetings.

Then, join us on September 2nd for our first on-site Dinner at the Crow Canyon Country Club of the year. Call or email Slatts to make a reservation so we know how many to tell the club. (925) 216-7139 or slatten-gren.vnvdv@gmail.com

Also the following Saturday, September 4th will be the re-scheduled 4th of July parade. The same parade, but in September. Come on out in uniform and carry a flag, hold a banner or pass out flags.

So this month's message is a repeat of last month's:

Enjoy every day. Get back together with friends. Re-establish a friendship that has gone awry. Make someone's day. Enjoy this summer with family and friends.

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

Dennis

President
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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 Sep. 2019, Dinner.











No Parade for July 4thbut you can still attend the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

JULY 4TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN (UP TO 12) TICKETS

And <u>Be</u> sure to Mark your Calendar for

Saturday, September 4th Danville Kiwanis Parade!!

While on the website why not Enter your business or organization for the September parade?!

Pancake Breakfast

Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley pancake breakfast on the 4th of July! Presented in partnership with Luna Loca, the pancake breakfast will be held from 8:00 -10:30am at Luna Loca restaurant in the Livery Mercantile shopping center.



SATURDAY COFFEE AT VMB 8-12



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 SUPPORT. VINH SON ORPHANAGE DONATIONS 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

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Web: FriendsofVSO.org

Email: FriendsofVSO@gmail.com





SRV KIWANIS AND LUNA LOCA RESTAURANT PROUDLY PRESENT A DANVILLE TRADITION



JULY 4TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

July 4th, 2021 8AM - 10:30AM Luna Loca Restaurant in the Livery-Mercantile Shopping Center 500 Sycamore Valley Road

\$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN (UP TO 12) TICKETS AT WWW.SRVKIWANIS.ORG/STORE/2021-PANCAKE-BREAKFAST

Proceeds benefit local non-profits through the SRV Kiwanis Foundation: srvkiwanis.org

Come for the pancakes, stay for the fun of Luna Loca's annual 4th of July parking lot party. 11am-3pm. Family friendly! Live music and BBQ. Bounce house, dunk tank and face painting for the kids!



Next Show: Monday, July 12 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Veteran Spouses and Families"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or—Facebook: veteransvoices1



THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING OF SAN RAMON VALLEY



Needs your help

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, again, this year we were forced to cancel the yearly Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser which was scheduled for mid March. We can really use your help A special treat this year, as Vice Mayor Newell Arnerich and Councilmember Robert Storer will be waiting tables and Karen Stepper will be greeting you at the door. Promises to be a fun night.

"Tips for Change"
fundraiser at Gianni's
Italian Bistro on Monday
August 30, 2021



- You can order Take-out
- Y Or order for delivery (additional fee)
- * Or dine-in at Gianni's

Remember all tips and a percentage of the night's receipts go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building's Operating Committee which in turn funds our expenses and activities.

A Dinner Fundraiser from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Monday Aug. 30th

You can order take-out or delivery from the Gianni's website at www.giannissanramon.com or by phone at (925)820-6969. To pickup your order call the restaurant at (925)820-6969 when you arrive and we will bring your order out and set it on the table or in your open trunk. Gianni's Italian Bistro is located at 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon

VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gary Villalba Army Dick Sperling Army

Mike Weber Army Earl Conklin Army

James Hill Army John Schafgans Army

Alex McElee Navy Frank Luna Army

Wayne Norwood Army Daniel Harrington Navy

Joe Cardinale Army Steve Cochran Army

Larry Ashcock Army Marty De Venuta Air Force

Ron Huesman Marines John Willing Marines

Dick Seavey Army Billy Rogers Army

Sandra Johnson Air Force Jeremy Bonelle Army

John Prentice Marine

THE BLUE STAR MOMS, CHAPTER 20 AND CHAPTER 101 HAVE DEVELOPED A PROGRAM TO HONOR FALLEN VETERANS. 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 RECOGNITION OF THEIR LOSS. VNVDV SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM AND ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

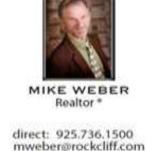
THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR SSG DANIEL SCHEILE AND SGT JOHN ARAGON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4TH AT ANTIOCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESCHEDULE DATE WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER.













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RYAN SYKES LIFE-HONORARY MEMBER OF THE VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY

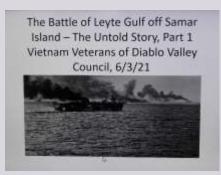




RYAN SYKES NEW HOME IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. UPDATE PHOTO OF THE PROGRESS.

THANKS TO THE JUNE VIRTUAL SPEAKER TOM ANDRES, RADM USN (Ret.) FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON THE BATTLE OF LAYTE GULF.









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.



DONATE BLOOD ~ IT IS EASY MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Start Your RapidPass

Donating blood today? Complete your prereading and health history questions online using any device, before visiting your blood drive location.

START NOW

Am I Eligible to Donate Blood?

https://www.redcrossblood.org/

Are you eigible for blood donation? Find out about the eligibility requirements to donate blood today, Learn about general health, travel, medications, tattoos, and more

LEARN MORE

COVID-19 Antibody Testing

All donations are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies could provide convalescent plasma for critically ill coronavirus patients.

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MAY MOVIE REVIEW

Movie Review by: FORWARD OBSERVER



"1917"

Released just before the current pandemic started this epic story includes leading British actors Colin Firth and Benedict Cumberbatch. There are also a couple of younger actors who match the age of the soldiers at the time of WWI. The basic story centers around two runners who need to deliver a critical message on the British front lines. (This was in the days before they had advanced technology such as the PRC-25 which many of us used in our own military adventures).

If you remember the movie GALLIPOLI with Mel Gibson, you'll find parallels in this time sensitive drama. The film includes historically accurate uniforms and weapons along with views of life in the trenches. There is plenty of action and adventure depicted as the duo try to face each challenge and continue to meet the needs of the mission. If there is any flaw in the script it is a common one in current filmology where the protagonists face an impossible series of events that would exhaust even the fittest individual in any army. Yet they persevere. Bottom line: A very good film.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)







Available on NETFLIX, RED BOX.

REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS MAY 3, 2023



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.

DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

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)
- 2. Proof of Social Security number (SSN card, W-2 or paystub with full SSN)
- 3. Proof of CA residency (2 documents, such as home utility bill, vehicle registration, property tax bill, or mortgage or lease agreement)
- 4. 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

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- Access your personal health information and keep records of your health services.
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www.veteranshealthlibrary.org.



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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.

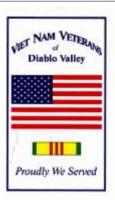
PURCHASER INFORMATION: (If paying by credit card - Use information on billing statement) Name of Purchaser Address City / State / Zip Contact Phone & E-Mail Address (Please utilize separate sheet & attach, if needed to clearly provide requested information ... please PRINT clearly all information... 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: *Contact Paver Consultant for these Enclosed Check for: \$_____ Payable to: ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - (AWMF) Post Office Box 158 - Danville, CA 94526 - 0158 Charge my: Visa - MasterCard (Please Print clearly) Expiration Date Security Code Card Number Signature and Date...

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."

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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 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 - <u>Call the County VSO Office for Assistance</u> - 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

SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS "DROP-OFF" LOCATIONS









U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Fax: (925) 372-2804

FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATHI

Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez

- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your FLU shot - available to all Veteransi Don't Waiti

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

isit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.

Are You Watching CCTV "VETERAN

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



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"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" NAM VETERAN Diablo Valley Official Mailing Address: Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

400 Hartz Avenue

Post Office Box 2079

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

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

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at 1800 Hrs. in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: www.VNVDV.com. 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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Established 1991

<u> OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!</u>

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!

