

INCOMING NEWS











JUN 2021





Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
ON SEPTEMBER 2ND MONTHLY MEETINGS
RETURN TO CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB
VNVDV HAVE ARRANGED A VITUAL MEETING

FOR THURSDAY JUNE SRD ~ 6pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all of you who showed up on Memorial Day to remember those we have lost over the past two years. Yes, I know I couldn't invite you originally to the ceremony, but the passing of Gary Estrella changed everything. I saw many, many members that I have not seen in almost two years. Thanks for coming, great to see you all.

So I guess this month's message is, enjoy every day. Get back together with friends. Re-establish a friendship that has gone awry. Make every day count. Do something for others. Get to those things you have been putting off. Make someone's day. Enjoy this summer with family and friends.

For your calendar:

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

VIRTUAL MEETING MAY 6TH



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.

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.

June, 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 slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

Also the following Saturday, September 4th will be the rescheduled 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.

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

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 **RESERVATIONS** will be required. Contact info. Call or E-mail Mike Slattengren (925) 216-7139, slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

Pictures from Feb. 2020, the last dinner.

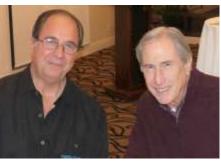












for our Veterans





PHILLIPS 66 WALK OF HONOR WEBCAST

MAY 15, 2021—EXCELLENT PRESEN-TATION, THANKS AMIEE HENRY



























VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS GATHERED FOR A MEMORIAL DAY REMEBERANCE HONORING THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED DURING 2020 AND 2021. THIS CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING OF SAN RAMON VALLEY

























2021 SWEARING IN CEREMONY TO HONOR VALLEY **GRADUATES ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE**











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 VIETNAM-**ESE GOVERNMENT.**

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS PRO-GRAM AND THE LIFE SAVING RE-SULTS IT YIELDS.

Friends of Vinh Son Orphanage (FVSO), Kontum, Vietnam nt and VHPA Life Member



The caregiver above is Sister Y Phieng. She lives and works at Vinh Son 2, and is charge of the primary school kids. the children attend classes, Sister tends to the orphanage gardens, a major source of their vegetable diet. The twin boys are A Khim and A Kham.

To donate or to contact FVSO

FVSO, P.O. Box 9322-8 Auburn, Calif. 95604-9322 FriendsofVSO.org

What your donation can do

\$1.00 buys 4.5 lbs of fresh vegetables \$1.00 buys 1 lb of flour

\$1.00 buys 3 lbs of fresh fruit

\$1.00 buys 4 lbs of rice .. 20 meals

\$5.60 buys 1 gallon of milk

\$1.30 buys a dozen eggs \$3.25 buys 1lb pork

\$1.30 buys 1 lb of fish \$5.45 buys 1 lb beef





FRIENDS OF VINH SON ORPHANAGES

FVSO supports over 700 Montagnard kids at the six Vinh Son orphanages in Kontum, Vietnam

All donations are tax deductible

Contact FVSO at

P.O. Box 9322-A Auburn, Ca. 95604

> Or on the Web friendsofvso.org



Next Show: Monday, June 14 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Military Spouses and Families"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or— Facebook: veteransvoices1



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Dunne Army Dave Turner Navy

Marines Don Schroeder Pete Longoria **Army**

Lee Halverson **Marines** Bill Green Army

Phillip Simon Bobby Dunton Coast Gd. Navy

Daniel Miranda Saber Zell **Marines** Army

William Hendley **Ken Jones** Air Force Navy

Dave Farkas Mark Marcum Navy Army

Virgil Stanger Dennis Kline Navy Navy

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.













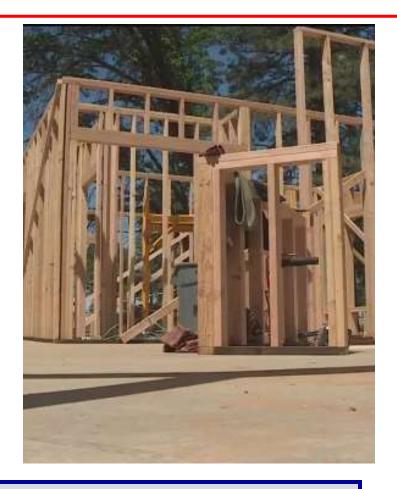
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RYAN SYKES LIFE-HONORARY MEMBER OF THE VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY





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

THANKS TO THE MAY VIRTUAL SPEAKER HOWARD
REESE, CPT USN (Ret.) FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON THE ARCTIC SUBMARINE LAB.











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.



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Friday, June 11, 2021 Pleasanton Blood Donation

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Pleasanton Blood Donation

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Pleasanton, CA 94588

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EARN 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 convalencent plasma for critically III coronavirus patients.

LEARN MORE

https://www.redcrossblood.org/

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.

DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

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



All Wars Memorial Granite Paver Order Form

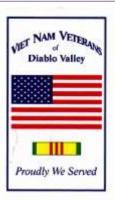
Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the All Wars Memorial Foundation or purchase an AVM Paver To honor the service or contribution made by an Individual Serving-Veteran or Patriot with a Paver - or Honor your Organization or Unit

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) CV Code: Card Number **Expiration Date**

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

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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and Power Stitch



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

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 trip to Vietnam.

Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors

our VietNam War Veteran Members

VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Special 50th VN Commeration Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.

Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office

OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans

All Wars Memorial

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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

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Martinez Primary Care Clinic 150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553

Advice Nurse-Appointment Line 800-382-8387 Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line 866-600-8279 Martinez, CA 94553

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



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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

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

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

