

INCOMING NEWS











MAY 2021





Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley ON-LINE WALK OF HONOR REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE VNVDV HAVE ARRANGED A VITUAL MEETING FOR THURSDAY MAY 6TH ~ 6pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes, these are strange times. Due to the ongoing restrictions on gathering, I can tell you that we will be having a **Swearing-in Ceremony**, **but I have to tell you not to attend.** I believe that this ceremony is one of the most important things that take place at the VMB each year (except last year) but due to the restrictions still in place, we cannot invite anyone other than those directly involved in the ceremony.

The same goes for Memorial Day. We will be having a small ceremony at the VMB on Memorial Day at 11:00. It will be short, and again, I cannot invite others to gather. But, if you just happen to be in downtown Danville at that time, just don't form groups.

We are now looking at the **September** meeting for us to return, in person, to the Crow Canyon Country Club. With this much notice, I hope you will all plan on being there on Thursday September 2nd.

There is one thing I can promote though. We will be having a **Walk of Honor** on May 15th Armed Forces Day.

VIRTUAL MEETING APRIL 1ST







MAY VIRTUAL SPEAKER

Howard Reese, CPT USN (Ret.) former Director of the Artic Submarine Lab. This assignment was after a 31-year Naval career in Submarines.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

Phillips 66 and the VNVDV are continuing with this, our only fundraiser for the year. The walk part is up to you, anytime and anywhere you want. Then at 10:00 am on May 15th we will have a zoom speaker and possibly raffle/auctions etc. Many thanks to Phillips 66 for supporting us for all these years, and in finding a way to do so, even during these pandemic times. **Please, Please, sign up for this event.** You can register on line at sfrwalkofhonor.com or use the application in this newsletter. And did I mention you will get a tee shirt in the mail?

It is my sad duty to inform you that in the past month, we lost two of our members. Michael Paul, who you might remember was the originator of "Guitars for Vets" and was very passionate about using music as a way to help those with PTSD. Several of our members were graduates of his classes, which came with free guitars. Bob Wright, soft spoken and ever the gentleman, took over Art Gaskin's role at Saturday Morning coffee. He was also an active docent at the VMB.

We also lost two friends of the VNVDV. Major General Dan Helix, former mayor of Concord and Board member of the All Wars Memorial Foundation. Additionally, we lost Barbara Cavaiani, widow of MOH recipient and VNVDV member, John Cavaiani. Our prayers go out to all their families.

I joined in on the zoom "groundbreaking" on the house donated by "Homes For Our Troops" specially designed for Sentinel, Ryan Sykes last Saturday. Ryan and another home recipient, Alejandro, spoke about what it is like for them trying to live in a conventional house. We cannot do enough for these veterans who paid a high price for our freedom.

So, stay safe, hopefully your are all vaccinated, and I'll see you on our zoom meeting on Thursday May 6th.





May 15th ARMED FORCES DAY

PHILLIPS 66 is organizing a ZOOM Event to recognize all The Serving Members of the Armed Forces.

There will be a Virtual Speaker followed by an Auction/Raffle

A portion of the proceeds from this event are donated to the Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley to support continuing Veterans Activities.

Details will be updated in the MAY INCOMING NEWSLETTER.



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WALK OF HONOR REGISTRATION FORM - COPY, COMPLETE AND MAIL - ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS AVALABLE sfrwalkofhonor.com









Sign up today for the 12th Annual Walk of Honor event on Saturday, May 15, 2021!

This year the "Walk of Honor" will be a VIRTUAL event in which participants can watch our Webcast Program on

May 15th at 10:00 am. The "walk" will be at your leisure anytime during from May 15th - May 31st.

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

Registration Form

Last Name:		First Name:
Mailing Address:		
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Phone #:	22	Email:
Walking in honor of:		
SS STANDARD OF SECTION	Vete	rans Name(s)
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Thank you for your support!

for our Veterans



2021 WALK INFORMATION

Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans. This year the "Walk of Honor" will be a VIRTUAL event in which participants can watch our Webcast Program on May 15th at 10:00 am and then walk at their leisure anytime during from May 15th – May 31st. Last year's event was cancelled due to the Shelter-in-Place order that was in place because of the global coronavirus pandemic. Although the event was cancelled, Phillips 66 still made a contribution of \$15,000 to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and \$15,000 to the Crockett Community Services District.

In the twelve years we have raised and donated in excess of \$411,000. We are working hard to surpass previous years fundraising and participation milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! Thank you for your support in honoring the men and women who have valiantly served our nation.

Schedule of Events

10:00 - 11:00 am - Webcast Program

Following the "Online Program" all participants are invited to begin their virtual walk. On-line registration is available. The Walk of Honor Website now has a registration location. Use this to join the Walk of Honor.

www.sfrwalkofhonor.com

REGISTRATION PRIOR TO MAY 1ST IS \$25. ON AND AFTER MAY 1ST, THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30.

A WALK OF HONOR T-SHIRT WILL BE MAILED TO EACH REGISTERED PARTICIPANT.

USS OAKLAND (LCS 24) COMMISIONED APRIL 17, 2021



TWO VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY MEMBERS PASSED AWAY RECENTLY



MIKE PAUL, CONTRIBUTED TO CONCORD VET CENTER WITH HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM "GUITARS FOR VETS". THOSE RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THIS PROGRAM WILL GREATLY MISS MIKE. MIKE'S FAMILY IS WORKING WITH THE VET CENTER TO INSURE THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE.



BOB WRIGHT, IN ADDITION TO BEING A VNVDV MEMBER ALSO WAS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.

THIS KEPT BOB BUSY TILL HE FOUND TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING DOCENT PROGRAM. BOB REACHED AN ANNUAL LEVEL OF 1,000 HOURS DURING 2019. AS PART OF HIS SERVICE, BOB HOSTED THE SATURDAY MORNING VMB DROP-IN COFFEE. BOB'S MENTOR, ART GASKIN TRAINED HIM WELL AND HIS MUCH APPECIATED HSOPITAITY LED TO BOB BEING THE 2019 "DOCENT OF THE YEAR" RECIPIENT. THE PANDEMIC CLOSED THE VMB FOR 2020 AND WELL INTO 2021 AND BOB DEARLY MISSED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE VETERANS.

Memorial Day Remembrance, May 31, 2021 will not be held at the Oak Hill Park due to Covid 19. Plans for a smaller Remembrance are being developed and the size of the event will be small due to Covid 19 restrictions. The Memorial Day phots are from past years.

















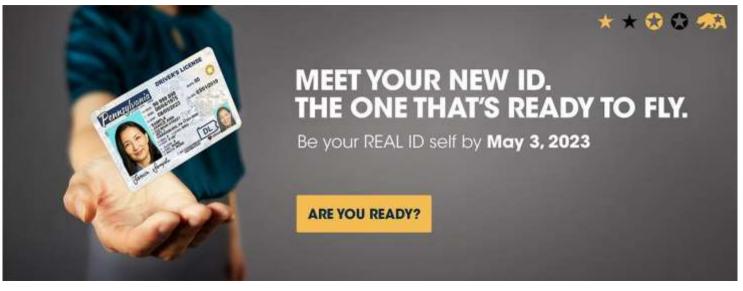
Next Show: Monday, May 10 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Sexual Assault-Difficult Truths"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or—Facebook: veteransvoices1





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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Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Pleasanton Blood Donation

5880 W. Las Positas Boulevard Suite 34

Pleasanton, CA 94588

6.8 ml 11:00 AM - 07:00 PM

+ More Details

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Athenian High School

2100 Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard Danville, CA 94586

5.5 ml 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

+ More Details

Pleasanton Blood Donation Center

5880 W. Las Positas Boulevard 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/

VNVDV Member *May* Birthdays

Bob Moore - Army Mike Stalcup - Army Gary Estrella - Marine

Norm Mahalich - Marine Jim Morrill - Navy Ron Azarcon - Air Force

Dennis Stogner - Army Steve Mick - Navy Gene Ghio - Army

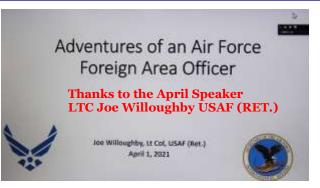
Esteban Ramirez - Army Jim Oram - Army Mark Connors - Air Force

Skip George - Army Shelley Hansen - Navy Chris Mezzapelle - Air Force

Alan Kalin - Army John Domde - Army Mike Houston - Air Force

John Cahill - Army Mike Hampton - Navy Lynn Sneyder - Air Force







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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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.

Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit will be making a stop in front of the Concord Library in Concord (2900 Salvio St) from 10:00am to 6:00pm May 11-12. Vietnam veterans will be presented with a lapel pin and other items.



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

"A lasting memento of the Nation's thanks!"

Front





Back

Symbolism:

- Eagle The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our Nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned on numerous military insignia.
- Blue Circle The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The circle shape and blue color also match the official seal of the Commemoration.
- Laurel Wreath A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity, and strength.
- · Stripes The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.
- Stars The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.
- Message "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. The official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative.

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!





We are privileged to welcome the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, as a Commemorative Ambassador. Thank you for honoring Vietnam veterans!



COMMEMORATION OBJECTIVES

- To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
- To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
- To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

www.vietnamwar50th.com

A Message from the Director ...

The fourth anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, is coming up soon! As it approaches, we are *utilizing* the ongoing *vaccine distribution* to *reach our Vietnam veterans* who are physically able to make it to the inoculation sites. As New York City rolled out the vaccine program at the Javits Center, we leveraged that effort to reach Vietnam veterans and *within days, more than 200 were thanked and honored*. On January 19, we had a teleconference with Adjutant Generals from all 50 States, 3 territories and the District of Columbia to share that success and *encourage them to do the same*.

This effort is picking up steam, but we need you to –

- -- Help us thank and honor our Vietnam veterans, our Nation's blood and treasure from a generation ago, in the neighborhoods where they live.
- *Help us connect with our hard-to-reach veterans*—those in Service-associated retirement homes, nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- Help us with the healing that happens when a veteran, who would just rather leave Vietnam in the rear-view mirror, receives our Nation's thanks and gratitude.

There is a scene from *Saving Private Ryan* where an aged Private Ryan (played by Harrison Young) turns to his wife and says: "Tell me I've led a good life." "Tell me I'm a good man." We believe that is what we do when we extend our Nation's thanks to our Vietnam veterans. We tell these men and women they earned it. *They made a difference in our lives and in the lives of our children*.

Our hope is that COVID ends soon and our Commemorative Partners will again be able to host events, especially since the VA estimates that we are losing 557 Vietnam veterans each day. We are deeply concerned about what the separation imposed by COVID means to our Vietnam veterans ... separation from families, the loneliness, the anxiety, and depression. We want them to know just how much we appreciate them and their service to our Nation. We want them to know that they have earned the Nation's gratitude!

So, I encourage everyone to visit <u>www.vietnamwar50th.com</u>. There you will find great *examples of safe and successful events honoring Vietnam veterans during COVID*.

Please follow these examples and *reach out* to the Vietnam veterans in your neighborhood. *I promise*, you will make a huge difference in their lives!

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!





Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins

The Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin has become "a lasting memento of the Nation's thanks." Living U.S. Veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

Normally, these lapel pins are presented during a dignified, public ceremony to individual Vietnam Veterans. However, given the global pandemic, most commemorative events have been postponed, while others have been rescheduled for next year.

As a unique alternative during this challenging period, The Vietnam War Commemoration is encouraging Vietnam Veterans to submit a request for their lapel pin via email at whs.vnwar50th_events@mail.mil. At the earliest opportunity, Veterans will receive a lapel pin in the mail.

Who does Vietnam War Commemoration Honor?

U.S. Armed Forces personnel with active duty service between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service which includes:

Nine million Americans serving during that time

6.4 million Americans living today

2.7 million U.S. service members who served in Vietnam

58,000 whose names are memorialized on a black granite wall in our Nation's capital 304,000 who were wounded

1,253 Missing in Action (MIA) heroes who have not yet returned to American soil

2,500 Prisoners of War (POWs)

The commemoration makes no distinction between veterans who served in-county, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 year

Presidential Proclamation Regarding Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017

"To ensure the sacrifices of the 9 million heroes who served during this difficult chapter of our country's history are remembered for generations to come, I signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Throughout this Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, and every March 29 thereafter, we will honor all those who answered our Nation's call to duty." -President Trump

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









RYAN SYKES NEW HOME IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A GREAT START CELEBRATED SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

OUR MISSION - To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.

www.hfotusa.org/Sykes
Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives

Norm Mahalich, founding member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, enjoyed his prize hotrod. It is a 1937 Ford Cabriolet - it has a Corvette LT1 engine put in about 7 years ago (and the engine has less than 1,000 miles on it). Photos are attached, and others are available and can be sent. The Hotrod is running and needs a good home. The asking price is \$55,000 but this is negotiable. Please feel free to give any friend of yours. Contact is cell phone: 925-548-2511. Please text Chad Mahalich.



Year:

1937

Make:

Ford

Model:

Cabriolet

Mileage:

8372

Engine:

tuned-port fuel injection V8

Engine Size:

5.7L 350 LT1

Exterior Color:

Teal

Interior Color:

White

Transmission:

automatic (Turbo 350)

Differential Ratio:

Ford 9" differential

Description

Vintage A/C and hood, rotor brakes front, disc brakes rear, pinion steering, custom radiator, full custom chassis, underneath all painted/ detailed. Engine all detailed, leather interior, custom stereo VDO gauges, power steering, power windows, removable top, rear seat, vintage wheels, and tilt.







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.



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



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All Wars Memorial Granite Paver Order Form

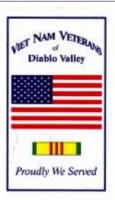
Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the All Wars Memorial Foundation or purchase an AVM Paver To honor the service or contribution made by an Individual Serving-Veteran or Patriot with a Paver - or Honor your Organization or Unit

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)

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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









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

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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 VOICES"

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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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RESUMPTION OF DINNER MEET-INGS, SEPTEMBER, 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" - \$25. RSVP NOT Required!

