

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are slowly getting back to normal. We can have our monthly meetings at Crow Canyon Country. **NOTE: masks and proof of vaccination are required for indoor dining**. If you cannot show proof of vaccination, they say you have to eat outside (bring your flashlight). Hopefully by the first of the year, we will lose these restrictions. **A ZOOM connection will be available for those not attending in person.**

Unfortunately, it is my duty to inform you that we lost long time member and **Air Force Veteran, Nathan Greene**. Nathan always had a smile and was a great conversationalist. Service to be announced.

November is a big month for Veterans. Please join us in as many of these activities as you can.

November 4th Thursday is our next dinner meeting. Please consider bringing a \$25 gift card in lieu of a toy for this year's Operation Santa. **VNVDV's dinner of the year...** Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala, DECEMBER 2ND, Social at 5 - Sit-down Dinner at 6

RSVP your MEAL SELECTION TO SLATTEN-GREN.VNVDV@GMAIL.COM (925) 216 7139 by NOV 23rd Prime Rib / Salmon *or* Vegan

PRICE \$50 per DINNER

Remember to bring your TARGET GIFT CARD for OPERATION SANTA CLAUS TOY FUND

NOVEMBER MEETING SPEAKER STEVE SHODEEN



will discuss his experiences while assigned to The Old Guard, a member of the Full Honor Casket Team, and later becoming a member of The United

States Army Drill Team.

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

November 5th Friday – Memorial for long time member and Army Veteran, Bill Chew at Camp Parks Chapel 10:00 am. Bill's wife, Patty is also an Army Veteran and VNVDV member.

November 7th Sunday is the Pleasanton Parade. An easy parade, it's short. See Jerry to sign up and for details.

November 11th thru November 14th is the Veterans Day (weekend) open house and museum at the Veterans Memorial Building. See enclosed poster.

November 11th Thursday is Veterans Day. We will have a program in the main hall (downstairs) at the Veterans Bldg. at 11:00 am. Followed by a ceremony at 1:00 pm announcing the Town of Danville becoming a "Purple Heart Community". All are invited to both events, then stay to view the displays in the main hall put on by the Library and Historical Committee.

November 12th Friday a pancake breakfast from 8:00-10:00 in the VMB upstairs meeting room will be put on by the Danville Town Councilmembers. Enjoy the breakfast and camaraderie and then go downstairs to view the exhibits and presentations.

December 2nd will be our annual Christmas Dinner, Awards Ceremony and 30th Anniversary of the founding of the VNVDV. This is the only time of the year that we must RSVP. Please contact Slatts at slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com or 925-216-7139 and place your order of either Prime Rib, Salmon or Vegan. It will be a sit-down and price this year is \$50.00. And, if you rsvp, please show up- we have to pay for your meal even if you do not attend.

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



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VNVDV MEETING, NOVEM-BER 4TH at Crow Canyon Country Club will require all attendees to present confirmation of full vaccination. <u>A</u> <u>copy, print or photo on phone,</u> <u>will be checked by CCCC per-</u> <u>sonnel.</u> 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 OPEN HOUSE**

Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley - 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA

Thursday, Friday & Saturday - November 11, 12 & 13 - 9 00 AM - 5:00 PM & Sunday November 14 - 10 00 AM - 4:00 PM

World War II Displays Featuring Military Memorabilia, Historical Artifacts & More

- ★ Contributions of Diverse Ethnic Groups
- Maps of a Changed World
- ★ Tuskeegee Airmen
- Navajo Code Talkers
- ★ WW II Poster Display

- ★ Filipino Forces/Bataan Death March
- ★ Women in the Military
- ★ Port Chicago Explosion
- ★ Huey Helicopter on Display
- ★ Military Vehicles on Display

Free Admission - Everyone Welcomed

75TH ANNIVERSARY THE END OF



Veterans Day Parade PI easanton - Sun. Nov 7 Need vol unteers for FI ags FI ags will be assigned on a first come, first assigned basis Short parade, start 1:00 Post parade gathering Muster 11:00 Veterans BI dg. Main Street PI easanton









You are invited to the 6th Annual

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hosted by the Danville Town Council



(Renee, Newell, Karen, Robert & Dave) and American Legion Post 246 Friday, November 12, 2021 8:30 – 10:30 am

Location: Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA

VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A COMPLIMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST





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

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

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Thank you in advance for your support!

iet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2022 Veterans Memorial Building - Danville, CA "Doors Open at 1:00 PM"

Hawiian 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 jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com Contact: Jim Hill 925 858-2618 jamauihill@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 7TH VNVDV MEETING AT CCCC







VNVDV AUCTION DONATIONS

We need your support. Please donate to our silent auction. Contact: Jim Murphy 925 858-2618







Veteran's Dinner Walnut Creek Elks Lodge

YOU'VE SERVED US. NOW LET US SERVE YOU. WE INVITE ALL VETERAN'S AND ACTIVE MILITARY

Sunday, November 14th Lounge Open 1pm/ Dinner 3:30pm RSVP BY November 10th, 2pm: RSVP@elks1811.org or 925-935-1811

Please Note: As per CCC Health Orders, You will be asked for Proof of Vaccination or recent Covid test as required for indoor dining.

Congratulations to VNVDV past speaker LTC (RET) Alexander Jefferson on his 100th Birthday November 15, 2021



Thanks to the October Speaker Nick Horn for his discussion of his experiences as a helicopter pilot with the 101st Airborne Div. and the 160th Special Operations Regiment during 14 deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.





Viet Vets Tour SF Bay on the ship JOHN AB DILLARD.

Approximately two dozen Viet Nam Veterans and guests experienced a memorable day touring San Francisco Bay courtesy of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Captain and Crew of the ship named after a Major General who was killed in Viet Nam. Highlights included the Golden Gate Bridge, McCovey Cove and the Hornet.





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





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 of 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 Giacovelli, President 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 veterans organization/corporation 501 (c19), EIN 68-0266369



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

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

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VNVDV NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Karl	Navy	Bud Eckert	Marines
"TJ" Trujillo	Army	Lorrie Sammons	Navy
Tom Holstrom	Navy	Gary Pforr	Marines
Steve Mazaika	Army	Donald Parker	Navy
Phil Stage	Army	Slatts Slattengren	Navy
Kasey Warner	Navy	Dave Corozza	Air Force
Steve Shirley	Army	Charles Gibson	Army
Bob Poirier	Navy	John Ricardo	Army
Tom Eager	Army	Bud Eckert	Marines

OPERATION SANTA 2021 SERVES 100 FAMILIES CONSISTING OF ACTIVE **DUTY SERVICE AND GWOT VETERANS. THE COAST GUARD RPOVIDES 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 COLLETED AT THE NO-VEMBER 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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Community Friends & Supporters ...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our annual

combined

Veterans Service Organization



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 AVALIABLE IN JANUARY



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

OFFICIAL BALLOT for 2021 ELECTION of OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Serving JANUARY 1, 2022 to DECEMBER 31, 2022



OFFICIAL BALLOT

PRESIDENT

Dennis Giacovelli	
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ALL VNVDV Ballots should be submitted BY MAIL after the Monthly Virtual Meeting in Nov. Copy from the November Incoming Newsletter and complete in Full and Mailed to the organization address—VNVDV PO Box 2079—Danville, CA 94526 by Nov. 15, 2021 deadline.

PRINTED NAME:	SIGNATURE:
E-MAIL:	CONTACT PHONE:

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE COMPLETED ALLOWING ELECTION COMMITTEE TO MATCH WITH MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

TURN BACK THE CLOCK to 1987 FOR THE LATEST MOVIE SELECTION

Movie Review by: FORWARD OBSERVER



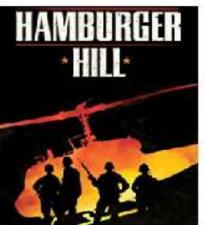
"HAMBURGER HILL"

One of the earlier movies to portray the Vietnam War in a realistic manner. This film describes the eight day battle that started on 13 May 1969 as elements of the Army's 101st

Airborne fought to take control of Hill 937 overlooking the Ashau Valley. The NVA regulars were prepared for an assault, having built numerous bunkers with strong overhead cover to withstand artillery attacks. As a result, artillery alone was not able to force the enemy to leave their positions at the top of the hill. U.S. forces had to use small unit infantry to make repeated assaults, resulting in heavy casualties. The soldiers involved grew frustrated and nicknamed the location "Hamburger Hill". This battle drew national attention in the States and proved even more frustrating when the top brass made the decision to abandon the site less than three weeks after finally taking the hill.

This is an intense film with realistic scenes portrayed by good actors. Includes a standout performance by Courtney Vance as "Doc" with the famous line "...don't mean a thing." Bottom line: A memorable and authentic film.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)





Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.



-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."



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 & community. 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

DINNER MEETING, NOVEMBER 4TH 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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