

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am just wrapping up 5 days with my STAB brothers, my Boat Group in Vietnam. Every two years we get together in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This year in two huge 16bedroom cabins, side by side, in the Great Smokey Mountains. A great time was had by all, and only one fall.

Our first in-person dinner meeting on September 2nd went well. It was great to see you all. *The Contra Costa County rules have changed since then, and this month they will require you to be vaccinated to eat indoors. Proof of vaccination will be required. If you are not vaccinated, you can still eat, but outdoors. After dinner we can all sit together again. Everyone will be required to wear masks except when eating or drinking.* SEPTEMBER 2ND MEETING AT CCCC INCLUDED ZOOM FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND



President's Message (Continued from Page One)

As I stated last month, we now are open at the Veterans Memorial Building. The concern is there are not enough docents to keep it that way. If we do not enlist more people to fulfill this rewarding opportunity, we will be forced to cut the days or hours of operation. *Please consider volunteering for a morning or afternoon shift once or twice a month.*

October is a slow month, but we make up for it in November.

November 6th is the Pleasanton Parade. An easy parade, it's short. Jerry will have more info.

November 11th Veterans Day. Jerry will have more info.

November 11th thru November 14th is the Veterans Day (weekend) open house and museum at the Veterans Memorial Building. Plan to drop by to see many exhibits and displays related to World War II (Last year was the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII).

As usual, we will have the Huey in front of the building, and our job is to guard it 24/7 for the 4 days. If you have not already, please sign up for a 4-hour shift. No work involved. I will be passing the clip board at the meeting.

That's it for now.

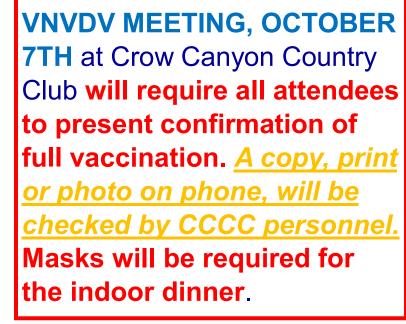
Stay safe and healthy

Dennis Giacovelli

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A big Shout Out to

Phillips 66 - their management & all the employees - and especially Aimee Henry and Adrienne Ursino

for their generous donation from the Virtual "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans Event. VNVDV appreciate the tremendous effort by Phillips 66 enabling support of many worthy veteran programs.

4TH OF JULY PARADE ON SATURDAY THE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER WAS SUCCESSFUL















GIANNI'S "TIPS FOR CHANGE" ON AUG 30TH EX-CEEDED PREVIOUS YEARS. THANKS TO ALL THE DINERS AND THEIR GENEROUS TIPS.





Thanks to August Speaker, NATHAN JOHNSON, Contra Costa County Veteran's Service Officer, for his update to VNVDV Members on Veterans Programs that developed during the Covid Virus response as well as current AGENT ORANGE Policy changes.

Exchange Club Remembers 9/11 at AWM



SEPTEMBER 2ND VNVDV MEETING AT CCCC



VNVDV OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Murphy	Navy	Jon Robbins	Army	
James Handlin	Army	Bob Sada	Air Force	
John Reese	Navy	Patti Wernet	Army	
Jerry Yahiro	Army	Phil Butler	Na∨y	
Dennis Marguet	Marine	Henry Fanger	Navy	
David Behring	Honorary	Robert Mitchell	Marine	
Pat Leary	Army	Les Chakurian	Army	
Mike Huntsman	Navy	Roy Warner	Navy	
Joe Callaway	Army	Patty Chew	Army	
Juan Kelly	Army	Dave Smith	Air Force	
Gary Slattengren 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.





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

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A NEW ACTIVITY IS BEING DEVELOPED DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

Join us for a FREE voyage on SF Bay



As a guest, courtesy of the US Army Corps of Engineers aboard the **M/V John AB Dillard.** (Overall length 86' Displacement 87 tons)

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley are being honored with a special invitation to join the crew on San Francisco Bay. There is a special connection to this ship, since it is named after Army Major General John A.B. Dillard who was killed in Vietnam on May 12, 1970.

WHEN: Week of October 18 (Specific Date to be confirmed ASAP)

WHERE: Meet at an East Bay Marina (To be confirmed)

TIME: Most likely 9:00 AM

TOTAL TIME: Approximately 3 hours, including boarding

SIGN UP: Contact Steven Burchik at info@stevenburchik.com or Cell # 925-998-9433





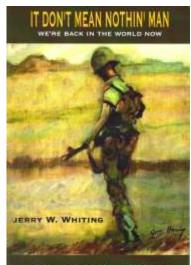
President Announces Nomination Committee for 2022

Officers & Directors!

President Dennis Giacovelli selected our 2021/2022 Nomination Committee. Gary selected the very experienced Past President Rich Lambert Chair to include additional VNVDV Past President to seek out new & future leaders & potential Board Members & Committee Chairs. President Estrella selected Past President Mike Weber. We encourage all VNVDV members to find out more about the organization and the various positions available. VOLUNTEERING in a leadership position can be

EXTREAMNLY REWARDING PERSONALLY! Find out **more... if you have any questions about any position or the du**ties of any Board Positions please contact Rich or Mike. Elections are held at our Annual Meeting in the month of November by Ballot.

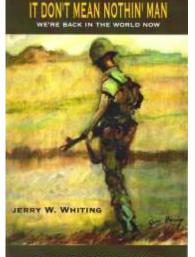
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



STORIES FROM VIETNAM

JERRY WHITING's new book about VNVDV

"It don't Mean Nothin' Man We're back in the world now"



STORIES FROM VIETNAM

Nominations Open for Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 2022 Officers & Board of Directors Election at November 4th Meeting

Nominations are OPEN for 2022 Officers & Directors - as announced at the September Membership Dinner Meeting & mentioned in the INCOMING News. President Dennis Giacovelli appointed Past President Rich Lambert as Chair of the Recruitment & Nomination Committee for 2022. He also appointed Past President Mike Weber to serve as official member of the 2022 committee for the Election of Officers & Directors for the VNVDV. Past President Rich Lambert expressed he is *looking for a few good men...* to serve on the Board in 2022. The President needs a solid team behind him... so all members are encouraged to find out more about these positions from any of these Past Presidents... Jerry Yahiro - Mike Weber or Rich Lambert. The Official Ballots will be distributed at the November 4th dinner meeting with the names of those nominated to-date. You can nominate yourself - or members can nominate other current members in good standing. Any election questions about the "responsibilities" of each office should be directed to any of these three members of the election committee. **Elections/Voting (turning in your written ballot)** will be held at the General Membership Meeting on **Thursday** - **November 4, 2021**. Ballots may also be returned <u>by mail</u> to the VNVDV official mailing address. All "mailed ballots" must be "completed in full" and received no later than **November 22, 2021** to be counted in the final results. <u>Election results</u> will be announced by the President & Election Committee at the **December meeting** & announced in the <u>Incoming</u> electronic newsletter.

The 2022 Election is for the VNVDV Officers & Board of Directors positions listed:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Director of Public Relations

Director of Membership

Director of Events

Director At Large

Director of Information

Director of Procurement

Director of Speakers

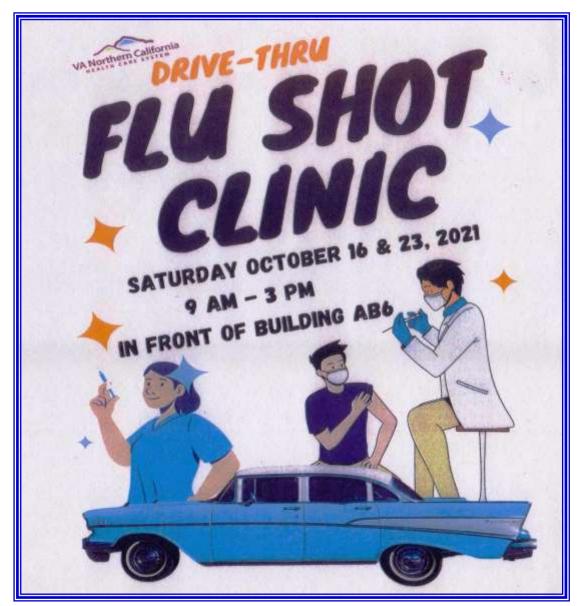
The Election Committee has received nominations for each position and encourages members to find out about each leadership role and become involved in our Board of Directors meetings. All positions are OPEN and we encourage members to run for whatever position they desire by notifying the Nomination Selection Committee by e-mail (please copy Election Committee members). The duties & responsibilities of all "Officers & Directors" positions listed above are outlined in our organizational by-laws. We encourage new members - as well and those now with time available - to attend our October Board of Directors meetings this month on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Building at 1800. This is a good way to find out what each position is responsible for and gives you a better understanding and background of the organization. All members are welcome to attend any Board meeting. If you have questions about the positions speak one of the members of the nomination/election committee. Co-Chairs and Assistants are "*appointed*" by the President - and are needed in most areas. This is a great way to learn about the duties - help in a significant way - and keep our organization strong & active in helping fellow veterans - those serving and our community. **Past President Jerry Yahiro noted...** "*The quality of an organization depends on its current leaders' and the members' willingness to participate in the administration of the organization.*" We encourage all members to "strongly consider" becoming <u>more active & involved</u> in "the program of your choice" in our organization.

President Dennis Giacovelli previously indicated there are many enjoyable positions to serve - making a difference in the direction of this amazing organization and he strongly encourages all members to consider joining the 2022 team which he promises will be another fun & exciting year. Our events & activities are so varied... there is truly something for everybody! You can make a difference. Join the team.

VA MARTINEZ is Ready

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or attend the Martinez VA "Drive-thru" FLU Shot Clinic on SAT. OCT. 16th or OCT. 23rd anytime between 9 AM & 3 PM



Don't get the FLU - Get Your FLU Shot this month!



Next Show: Monday, Oct 11 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Incarcerated Veterans"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: veteransvoices1



TURN BACK THE CLOCK 35 YEARS FOR THE LATEST MOVIE SELECTION

Movie Review by: FORWARD OBSERVER



"PLATOON"

Not a new movie, but clearly a classic in the genre of military movies, especially relating to the Vietnam conflict. Yes it is violent. Yes it has disturbing scenes. Yes it exaggerates the conflict between fellow soldiers, but the war was violent and affected everyone who spent time there. Oliver Stone released this movie in 1986. He had real combat experience, having served with the 25th Infantry Division.

The one scene that stands out for accuracy for this reviewer is the night ambush where the platoon sets up along a trail and spends the night waiting for the enemy to move past this location. The contrast between the silent, dark night, followed by the sound and light of explosions, rounds and screams still reverberates through to this day. Even on nights when nothing happened we took turns resting in tentative sleep patterns not knowing if we'd make it to the morning.

It is important to remember that this is a movie, not a documentary, so the director should receive credit for bringing a realistic depiction to the screen. Bottom line: An excellent film.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)







Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.



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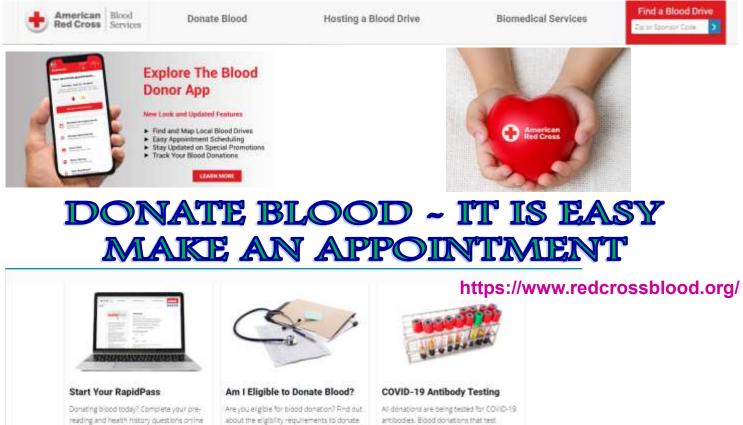
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Be your REAL ID self by May 3, 2023

ARE YOU READY?

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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LEARN MORE

using any device, before visiting your blood.

START NOW

drive location.

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

LEARN MORE

REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS MAY 3, 2023



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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.

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

www.myhealth.va.gov.

- Access your personal health information and keep records of your health services.
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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 <u>PRINT</u> 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.

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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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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"

Official Mailing Address:

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley **Veterans Memorial Building of SRV 400 Hartz Avenue**

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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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<u> OPEN - Social Dinner Meetings - Join Us!</u>

RESUMPTION OF DINNER MEET-INGS, OCTOBER 7TH 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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