

CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

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President PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tuesday March 29th was National Vietnam War Veterans

Day. The government's way of saying *Welcome Home.* Hope you had a peaceful day.

The Veteran Memorial Building held it's Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser on Saturday March

19th. It was the first large gathering we allowed ourself and it was a great success. Great food, great friends and we made some money for the operating committee of the VMB, which covers the overhead and funds all the activities at the Veteran's Wing of the building. Thanks to all those who helped out by participating or working the event.

April is a pretty quiet month but May is packed with activities.

Honor Veterans Walk in their Honor at the Phillips 66 **"WALK of HONOR"**

SAT - May 21, 2022

Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett. 10:00 am - **"Walk" begins.** 11:45 am - Luncheon Ceremony.



APRIL DINNER MEETING Speaker NOGA WELNER-KESSLER, will discuss VET-ERAN-CENTERED HOSPICE CARE to meet the needs of vet-

erans and their families.



The VNVDV's only fundraiser this year is the Walk of Honor which is on Saturday May 21st in Crockett. It is our only chance to raise funds for the rest of the year. Please plan on attending, walking across the bridge, having lunch, or at very least signing up. Did I mention the free tee shirt?

Later that same day, is the **Sentinels** of Freedom Gala at the Blackhawk Museum. It's a fundraiser for Mike Conklin's Sentinels of Freedom Foundation. Let me know if you wish to attend.

The next day, Sunday May 22nd is the annual Swearing-in Ceremony.

believe this to be the most important activity put on by the Veterans Organizations at the Veterans Memorial Building. It will be held outdoors again this year at the Danville Town Green (in front of the library) at 1:00 PM. Come on out and cheer on our local high school students who are stepping up by enlisting in the military.

And this year's **Memorial Day** ceremony on Monday May 30th, will be back at Oak Hill Park. We are honored to have one of our own members, Medal of Honor recipient, Jim Taylor, as a speaker this year. As this is a VNVDV event, please plan on spending the morning with your fellow veterans in remembering all **U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.**

Stay healthy-see you Apr 7th

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SAT - May 21, 2022

Registration available APR 2022

Sfrwalkofhonor.com



WALK OF HONOR

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 return to an in-person event walk on May 21st at 10:00 am. Last year's event was held virtually because of the global coronavirus pandemic. Nevertheless, we still raised \$16,000 from the event, and Phillips 66 contributed \$10,000 to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and \$10,000 to the Crockett Community Services District

In the last twelve years we have raised and donated in excess of \$447,000. 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

8:30 - 9:30 am - Check in at the Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge. 10:00 am - "Walk" begins.

11:45 am - Luncheon Ceremony.

Many local veterans service organizations and providers will be listed on our website to share information regarding their services.

100% of all contributions will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD).

The VNVDV is dedicated to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Presenting Sponsor \$5,000

Includes 20 complimentary "Walk" registrations, premiere recognition in all promotional materials, company logo on event shirt.

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Includes 15 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials including event shirt.

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Saturday, May 21, 2022

www.SFRWalkofHonor.com



Many TRANKS to all who Volunteered & Supported the VMB/SRV Operating Committee St. Patrick's Corned Beef Fundraiser

March Dinner Meeting - 2022



VMB DOCENT RECOGNITION



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERANCE

MONDAY MAY 30, 2022

OAK HILL PARK 3005 STONE VALLEY ROAD

DANVILLE

SET-UP 8:30 - MUSIC 10:00 AM - PROGRAM 11:00

SPEAKER: JIM TAYLOR, VNVDV MEMBER MOH RECIPIENT



BLUE STAR MOMS CHAPTER 20 HONOR our FALLEN WARRIORS with DEDICATION of MEMORIAL TO SSG DANIEL SCHEILE AND SGT JOHN ARAGON

THE BLUE STAR MOMS. CHAPTER 20 HAVE DE-**VELOPED A PROGRAM TO HONOR FALLEN VETER-**ANS. MEMORIALS HAVE **BEEN PREPARED TO BE** LOCATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE VETER-**AN. EACH MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED WITH A CER-EMONY THAT PERMITS** THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LOSS. VNVDV SUP-PORT THIS PROGRAM AND ALL MEMBERS ARE **ENCOURAGED TO AT-**TEND.



Dedication of Memorial In Honor of the Antioch High School Students Who Lost Their Lives While Fighting the Global War on Terrorism

> Antioch High School Antioch, California March 12, 2022



SSG Daniel R. Scheile United States Army National Guard 10 May 1968 – 23 September 2005



SGT John D. Aragon United States Army 24 February 1986 – 12 June 2008





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 <u>whs.vnwar50th_events@mail.mil</u>. 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



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

ANNUAL Sentinels GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

Blackhawk Automotive Museum in Danville, California

SENTINEL GALA







GENERAL JAMES AMOS

A retired United States Marine Corps Four-Star General who served as the 85th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

SERGEANT JOHNNY JONES

Combat-wounded USMC Staff Sergeant who turned a traumatic, life-changing disability into a personal mission to improve the lives of all veterans.





Ticket Options

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Over the last 20 years, Sentinels of Freedom has successfully assisted 650 wounded veterams across the nation in all business disciplines to reach their goals in education and careers with our program services.

COMMEMORATING THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

VNVDV SUPPORT THE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM



Our mission is to assist severally wounded, poor 9.11 veterans in their efforts to become productive and self-sufficient members of their communities to they transition back into civilian life.

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These ment and women are worth all than our Flation, and Semtinels of Freedom, ran do to help them on the path to successful careers and lives. It is that belief that drives the vision for Sentinels of Freedom. Simply just our vision for Sentinels of Freedom in: "To provide the best possible future for our severely wounded and courser vectors."



OTHER Ways to Support

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Color Guard Mealt - \$8,000 MEA Table - \$500 Centerpieces - \$8,500 Biship Meal - \$800 Champaigne Welcome - \$500

 Videographer - \$5,000 Photographer - \$2,000 String Quartet - \$2,000 Bag Pipes - \$2,500 Cocktail Spomonship - \$5,000

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ABOUT SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

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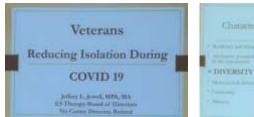
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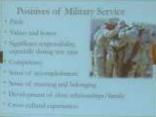
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Doug Miller	Army	Harry Fuller	Army
Del Loewe	Navy	Dennis Giacovelli	Navy
Michael Ebert	Army	Robert Romero	Navy
Dave Richardson Army		Rich Lambert	Navy
Tom McHale	USMC	Steve Risk	USMC

THANKS TO MARCH SPEAKERS JEFF JEWELL AND MATT DECKER DISCUSSING VETREANS RESPONSE TO THE COVID VIRUS AND THE VALUE OF SERVICE DOGS WITH RESPECT TO VETERAN'S HEALTH



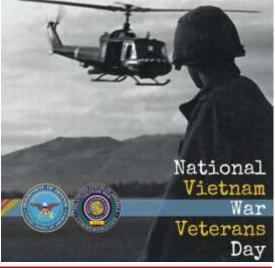














National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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

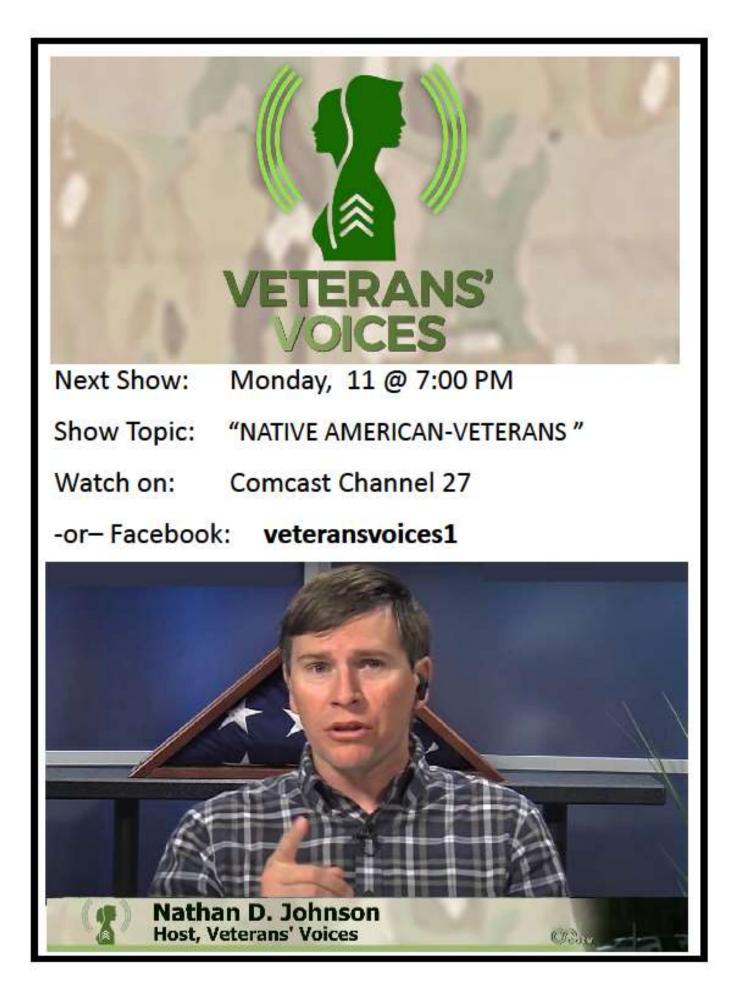
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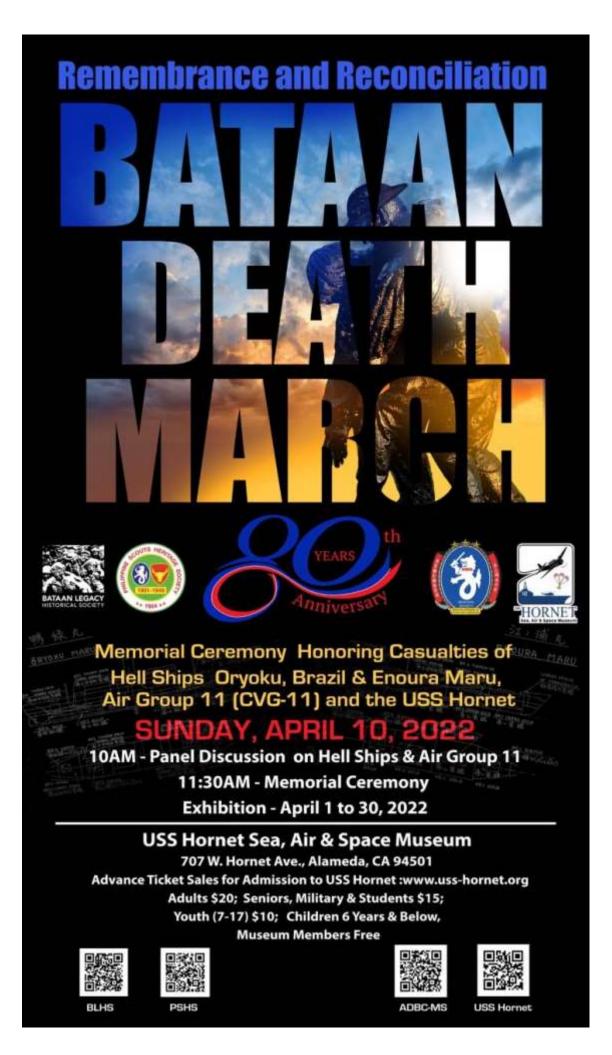


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A NEW MOVIE REVIEW ~ A FIVE STAR FILM YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Movie Review by: FORWARD OBSERVER



"LAST DAYS IN VIETNAM"

This PBS production depicts the final days of the war in April 1975 as North Vietnamese forces moved into Saigon. U.S. involvement had ended two years earlier in 1973 when we withdrew all combat forces. The American government continued to provide aid and supplies to the South Vietnamese government through this period. The only American forces still in Vietnam during the final days were the Marines who were guarding the U.S. Embassy. This film includes footage and interviews with Americans and Vietnamese who experienced the hurried scramble to evacuate Embassy personnel and South Vietnamese civilians who hoped to leave the country and make it to the U.S. Only a small fraction made it out.

Director Rory Kennedy did an excellent job of presenting a detailed summary of these final days.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.



PRESENTS

GREAT GROUPS

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH, 2022 - 8 PM Lesher Center for the Arts SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 2022 - 5:30 PM Blackhawk Country Club Lakeside Ballroom SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, 2022 - 2 PM San Ramon Valley High School Theater

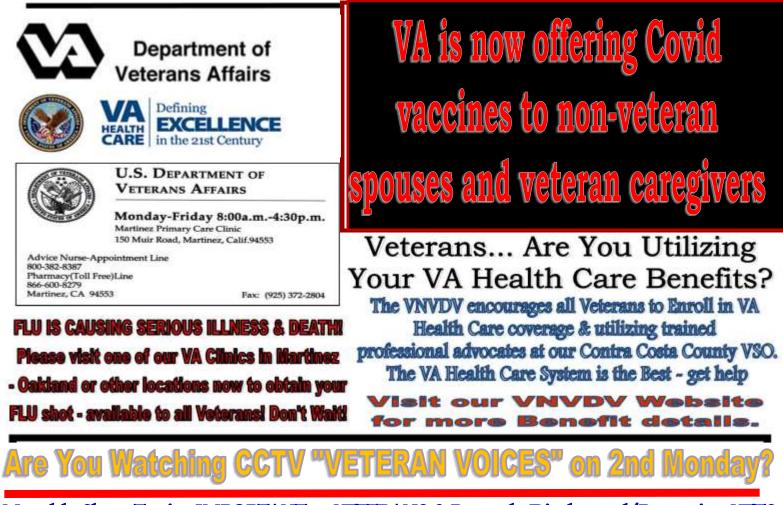
INFO: www.BlackhawkChorus.com

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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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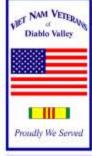


"VETERAN VOICES" on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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"*

VNVDV Members & VIPs

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Electronic News

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 & comunity. 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 APRIL 7TH, 2022 CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

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 NOT Required!

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