



INCOMING NEWS



JUL 2022

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley **VNVDV JULY 7TH DINNER MEETING** **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB**

ZOOM CONNECTION FOR JUL 7TH MEETING IN COVER LETTER



Dennis Giacovel I
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all of you who helped set-up, tear-down and/or attended this year's Memorial Day ceremony. **Jim Taylor** was fantastic. It was a great success and wonderful day. Good to be able to gather again. And to top it off, for the first time, the Mt. Diablo Beacon was lit that night. It will also be lit on Veterans Day evening for the first time this year. From now on, it will be lit three times a year.

A special thanks to VNVDV members who participated in the City of San Ramon Memorial Day Ceremony.

The 4th of July Parade in Danville is this **Monday**. Please come carry a flag, the banner, or give out flags to the crowd. Meet in front of the San Ramon Valley High School at 8:00. After the Parade, it is our tradition to gather at Luna Loca for a Margarita and then to the Veterans Memorial Building for the VFW lunch BBQ.

We have a really great **speaker** for this month's meeting on July 7th at the Crow Canyon Country Club. **Jon Dunphy**, a Tri-Valley native, who enlisted in the Navy in 1993. He served as a platoon medic, radioman, and sniper at Seal Team Eight and Seal Team Two. He was assigned to various locations, including Bosnia, Albania, and multiple trips to Western Africa. Please come and hear his fascinating stories.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY JULY 4, 2022

680 NORTH OR SOUTH EXIT EL CERRO WEST. DANVILLE BLVD ONLY RIGHT TURN ALLOWED. LEFT DEL AMIGO TO LEFT VERONA TO LEFT LOVE LANE TO HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT UNDER SOLAR PANELS.

PARADE START 0900 MUSTER 0800.

VNVDV WHITE COLLARED JERSEY SHIRT, DARK SLACKS OR SHORTS, WHITE VNVDV CAP.

FLAGS TO HAND OUT TO SPECTATORS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.



JUL 7TH DINNER MEETING SPEAKER, JON DUNPHY will discuss his experiences when he



served as a platoon medic, radioman, and sniper at Seal Team Eight and Seal Team Two.

As I stated at last month's meeting, we recently lost Blue Star Mom, Docent, Quilter and VMB staple, **Marilyn Steichen**. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday August 6th at 2:00 at the Veterans Memorial Building.

We also recently lost 102 year old **Mickey Ganitch**, WWII Navy Veteran and Pearl Harbor Survivor, and all around ambassador. His Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday July 23rd on the USS Hornet: arrive for boarding and seating at 9 AM, the Service starts at 10 AM. If you plan to attend notify **JIM HILL: E-MAIL jamauihill@yahoo.com or sign-up at the July 7th meeting. JULY 7TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP.**

Last week we lost **Pat Behring**, mother of member David Behring. Pat was a huge supporter of Veterans and the Veteran Memorial Building. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, July 25th from 3:00 – 5:00 at the Blackhawk Museum.

Also last week, we lost our friend Alex Jefferson, Tuskegee Airman. Alex lived in Detroit, Michigan, but came west on several occasions to speak to us and party with us. He made it to 100 years old and gave back every day.

Please join me in celebrating Independence Day 2022 on Monday the 4th of July, by participating in the Danville Parade and the VFW BBQ.

Please enjoy your summer, get out, see friends and visit family but please do it safely.

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley Color Guard for the 4th of July 2019 Parade



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4TH OF JULY PARADE



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JUNE Dinner Meeting - 2022



30th Anniversary Memorial Day Remembrance

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San Ramon Memorial Day Remembrance at Memorial Park VNVDV Color Guard



LTC ALEXANDER JEFFERSON, TUSKEGEE AIRMAN AND PAST VNVDV SPEAKER , PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 22, 2022.

Tuskegee Airman tells POW tale

Ex-fighter pilot visits East Bay to talk about capture by Germans

By Eric Louie

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DANVILLE — Alexander Jefferson was in southern France, attacking radar sites, on his 19th mission during the thick of World War II, when a 20-millimeter shell went through his plane.

"I look up and there's a (expletive) hole in the canopy," said Jefferson, a retired Air Force lieutenant. He looked down, saw more damage and ejected.

As he climbed down from the trees, he was captured by German soldiers, making him part of an even more select group — not just one of the first black pilots to emerge from America's segregated military, but one of 32 who were captured.



DOUG DURAN/STAFF

Alexander Jefferson, left, is given a plaque Thursday by Danville resident Dennis Giacobelli of the Vietnam Veterans of the Diablo Valley. Jefferson was in town to talk about his POW experience.

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ALEXANDER JEFFERSON
TUSKEGEE AIRMAN



Airman

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Mich. is the author of a book on his experiences: "Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: The Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW."

He shared his story of being a Tuskegee Airman on Thursday with fellow veterans, members of the Vietnam Veterans of the Diablo Valley.

His talk at the Crow Canyon Country Club was part of a circuit of visits to schools, veterans groups and to youths at the Alameda County juvenile hall. The trip was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Castro Valley and the American Legion in Castro Valley, said Mike Martin, co-director of the Vietnam veteran group's speakers bureau.

Jefferson said the Tuskegee Institute, named after the Alabama town where it was located, trained about 1,000 black pilots during World War II. About half went overseas for combat, where 66 were killed in action and 32 became prisoners of war, Jefferson said.

In 1943, Jefferson entered the institute — which had its first graduating class in 1942 and its last in 1946 — leaving as an Air Corps lieutenant and pilot.

Jefferson said he joined the service, not wanting to be

drafted. For blacks at that time, he said, being drafted meant being assigned to loading ships or other "heavy, nasty, dirty work."

After graduation, he was sent to Europe, where he escorted B-17 and B-24 bombers in his P-51 Mustang.

He never had to face German fighter planes, but there were dangers. On his 19th mission, in August 1944, he and other planes were on a mission in southern France to knock out radar in Toulon when he was hit with anti-aircraft fire.

Jefferson spent nine months in a POW camp in Germany. It was liberated by Americans as the war ended. He recalled, en route home, seeing the results of the Holocaust firsthand at the Dachau concentration camp. The smell of burning bodies wafted far, he said. When they reached the camp, the ovens were still warm. Pliers, which had been used to remove the gold teeth of victims, were nearby.

Jefferson talked about racism and prejudice in Europe. After being captured, he recalled a German soldier saluting him after recognizing him as an officer. After that, he said, he was treated well despite a lack of food and poor conditions, recalling that Russian prisoners had it worse.

But he was used to racism and prejudice in America.

The U.S. military had been

resistant to training black pilots. And he saw prejudice in how fellow Americans were treated during the war. He said he asked why German-Americans were not deemed a threat and sent to internment camps, but Japanese-Americans were.

Jefferson said that during his captivity, he met Germans who had lived and had been educated in America, including an interrogator who had graduating class portraits from the Tuskegee Institute in his office; he recognized Jefferson in one. The interrogator, Jefferson said, talked about places in America that he knew, and about where he went to college.

When he came home after the war, Jefferson recalled getting off the boat in New York and being greeted by a soldier who told him: "Whites to the left, (expletive) to the right."

He recalled having a hard time finding a job after the war, and how he and his wife saved \$4,000 to put down on a \$12,000 house, but that as a black man, he still had a hard time being approved for a loan.

Jefferson, who became a teacher and administrator, said he often speaks to young people and encourages them to value the "greatest country."

Contact Eric Louie at 925-847-2123.



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Larry Ashcock	Army	Marty De Venuta	Air Force
Ron Huesman	Marines	John Willing	Marines
Jeff Wagner	Marines	Billy Rogers	Army
Sandra Johnson	Air Force	Jeremy Bonelle	Army
	John Prentice	Marines	

THANKS TO JUNE SPEAKERS Jean E Johnstone Executive Director and Staff Members of the Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center.



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

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ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Enrolling is fast and easy. Stop by today and complete an Application for Medical Benefits, VA Form 10-EZ. Please bring a copy of your DD-214 or discharge certificate to help us verify your eligibility. You can also complete the form on-line or mail us a copy of the completed form.

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- Visit the VA Health Eligibility Web Site at www.va.gov/elig

APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Medical visits are by appointment only. This helps us provide our patients with timely and convenient access to care. If you are not feeling well and need to schedule an appointment, or if you have questions about your care, please call us.



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VA National Cemetery Honors Veterans

The National Cemetery Administration honors Veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our Nation.

On July 17, 1862, Congress enacted legislation that authorized President Lincoln to purchase "cemetery grounds" to be used as national cemeteries "for soldiers who shall have died in the service of the country." Fourteen cemeteries were established that first year.

By 1870, the remains of nearly 300,000 Union dead had been buried in 73 national cemeteries. Most of the cemeteries were located in the southeast, near the battlefields and campgrounds of the Civil War.

The National Cemetery Administration has evolved slowly since the initial period of great challenge related to the Civil War. All

honorably discharged Veterans became eligible for burial in 1873.

In the 1930s, new national cemeteries were established to serve Veterans living in major metropolitan areas such as New York, Baltimore, Minneapolis, San Diego, San Francisco and San Antonio.

In 1973, Congress transferred 82 national cemeteries from the Department of the Army to the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These were added to the 21 VA cemeteries at hospitals and nursing homes to comprise 103 cemeteries in what was then the National Cemetery System.



Fort Logan National Cemetery, Colorado

On November 11, 1998, the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act was signed, changing the name of the National Cemetery System to the National Cemetery Administration.



Tahoma National Cemetery, Washington

Today, there are a total of 147 national cemeteries. The National Cemetery Administration is responsible for 131 of them, while the National Park Service maintains 14 and the Department of the Army maintains two cemeteries - including Arlington National Cemetery.

In the midst of the largest cemetery expansion since the Civil War, VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico. VA's newest national cemetery, Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Pennsylvania, opened in January 2010.

More than 3 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict - from the Revolutionary War to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan - are buried in VA's national cemeteries.



Chattanooga National Cemetery, Tennessee

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Call 925/313-1481 for an Appointment**

Movie Review by:
FORWARD OBSERVER



“MIDWAY– 2019 Version”

This newer version of MIDWAY, released in 2019 is a technically accurate production starring Patrick Evans and Luke Wilson. It is an expansive production covering Pearl Harbor, Doolittle’s raid on Tokyo and the Battle of Midway itself. One of the interesting details is the “Walk-down” where crew members form a line and walk the length of the carrier deck while picking up loose nuts, bolts and debris. One distracting person in the casting, however, is Woody Harrelson who plays Admiral Chester Nimitz. It is difficult to take the goofy bartender from Cheers seriously.

While this reviewer still prefers the 1976 version with Charlton Heston and Henry Fonda, Director Roland Emmerich does a fair job of depicting one of the biggest battles in naval history.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



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Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (Veterans' Clinic) **Wellness Clinic for Veterans' Pets**

Free veterinary wellness care is available through our in-house clinic on Wednesdays, *by appointment only*. For information or to schedule an appointment, Veterans may call (925) 296-3125 (option 7) and leave a message. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.

Clinics are open to dogs and cats belonging to Veterans of any era (up to two pets per visit). No non-military civilians will be accepted. Clients must furnish valid military identification at the time of check-in.

Acceptable forms of military identification include military I.D. card, VA health identification card, discharge paperwork with matching photo identification, or Department of Defense Form 214 with matching photo identification.

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Wellness Clinic FAQs

How do I Make an Appointment to Receive Services?

Our wellness clinics for Veterans' pets are by appointment only. For information or to schedule an appointment, Veterans may call (925) 296-3125 (option 7) and leave a message. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.

What Services Does ARF's Clinic Offer to Veterans?

Complimentary services provided include:

- Annual wellness exam
- Vaccines
- Heartworm testing for dogs
- FeLV/FIV testing for cats
- Year-round flea, tick, and parasite preventative products
- Spay and neuter (by appointment, clients must visit our wellness clinic for exam first)



Where do I Go for My Appointment?

Our Veterans clinic entrance can be found past the main adoption entrance and spay/neuter clinic entrance,

What Can I Expect from My Appointment?

If you are a new client, your Veterans' ID will be checked, and you will be given an information form to fill out about your pet(s). Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times. Cats must be in carriers.

Are There Limits on How Many Pets Can be Seen?

In order to serve as many Veterans as possible, we limit services to two pets per household per clinic and we **provide services to a lifetime maximum of six pets per veterans' household.**

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Wednesday - July 20 @ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

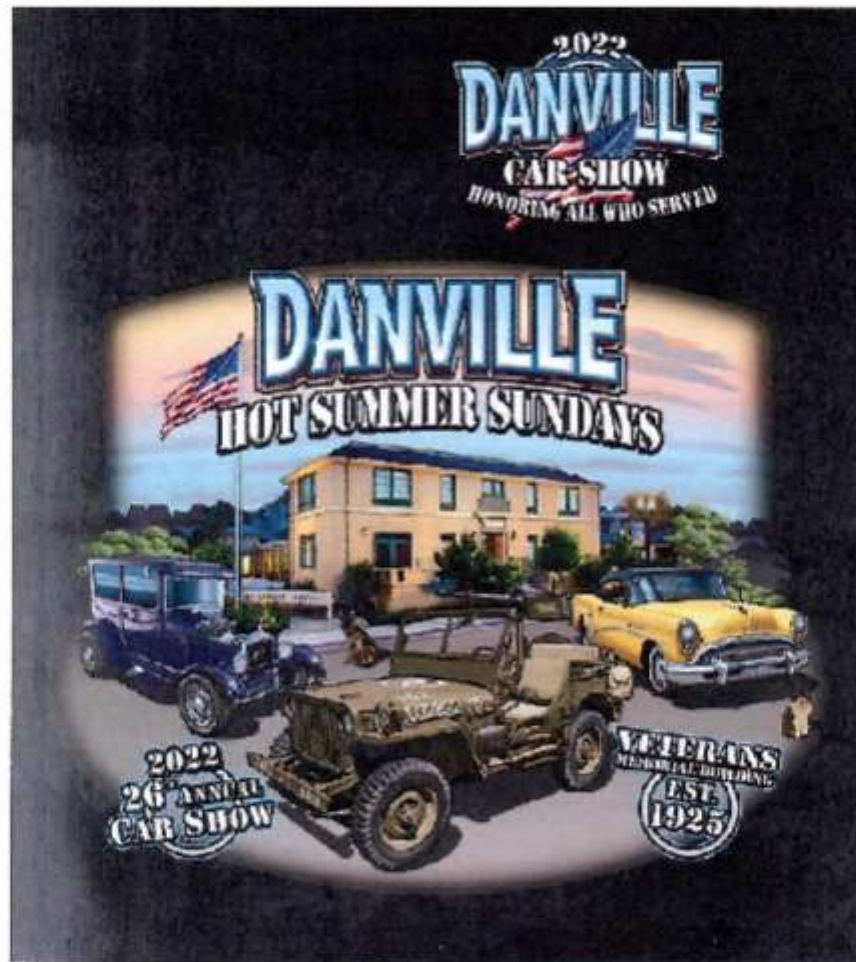
Wednesday - July 27 @ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Each month ARF will publish a schedule for the new month on ARFlife.org website.



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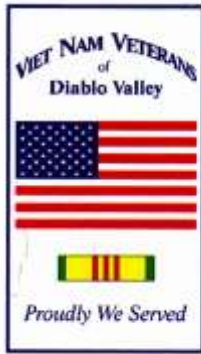
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[Blue Star Moms #101 website](#): www.bluestarmoms.org & [Blue Star Moms #20 website](#): www.ccbluestarmoms.org
VNVDV website to see more about the [Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley](#) at: www.VNVDV.org

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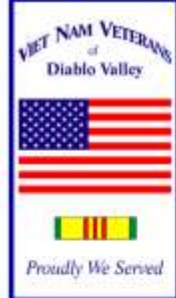
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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!*

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

**DINNER MEETING JULY 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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William "Bill" Green

Ray La Rochelle

Michael Slattengren

Jerry Yahiro

John Estes

Del Loewe

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