



INCOMING NEWS



JUN 2022

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley **VNVDV JUNE 2ND DINNER MEETING** **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB**

ZOOM CONNECTION FOR JUN 2ND MEETING IN COVER LETTER



Dennis Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all of you who labored, registered or attended the **Walk of Honor**. It was a great success and wonderful day.

Also thanks to all of you who labored or attended **the Swearing-in Ceremony**. It also was a great success and an extremely worthwhile event.

And now for this year's **Memorial Day** ceremony at Oak Hill Park on Monday May 30th. If you would like to come help us set-up for the event, coffee and donuts at 7:30 and work party at 8:00. It is mostly about the camaraderie. All those who help set-up and/or tear down are **invited to our picnic** after the clean-up. Bring a side to share and your beverage of choice.

We are honored to have one of our own members, **Medal of Honor recipient, Jim Taylor, as the speaker this year**. As this is a VNVDV event, please plan on spending time with your fellow veterans in remembering all **U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces**.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

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

NOON TO 2 PM PICNIC FOR VNVDV MEMBERS AND GUESTS. BRING A DISH (SALAD, DESSERT, FRUIT OR WHATEVER YOU DESIRE AND YOUR BEVERAGE)



JUN 2ND DINNER MEETING

SPEAKER Jean E Johnstone Executive Director Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center.



The Memorial Day event starts with the Danville Community Band playing at 10:30 and the program starting at 11:00.

Also, for the first time, the Mt. Diablo Beacon will be lit this year on Memorial Day.

A joint proclamation was signed on February 25, 2022, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville, that stated "in recognition of Americas Veterans and in honor of their service and their sacrifice for the defense of our freedoms", the beacon on Mount Diablo shall now be lit on Pearl Harbor Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day from sunset to sunrise, beginning in 2022 and every year thereafter. A special thanks to all those who initiated and supported this action.

And just around the corner is the 4th of July Parade in Danville. Come carry a flag, the banner or give out flags to the crowd. More on this at the June meeting.

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 from 11am- 4:00pm on the USS Hornet.

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

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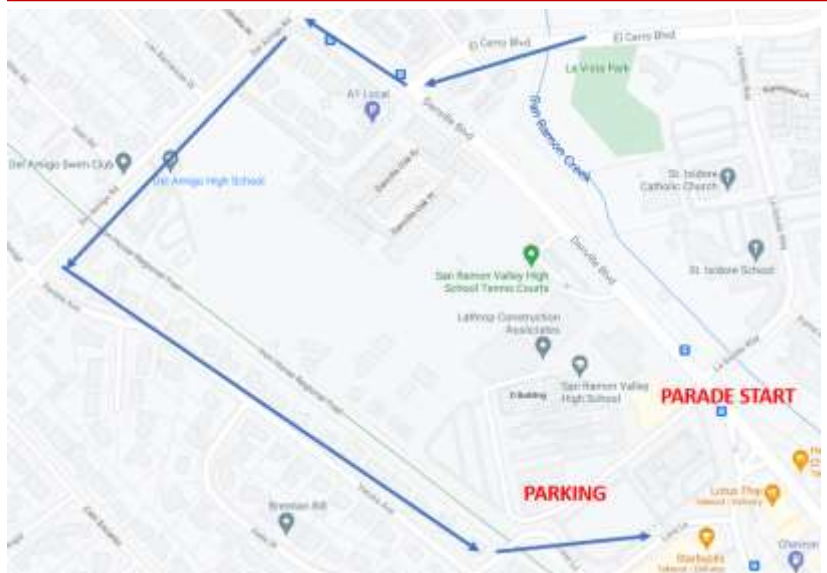
FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY JULY 4, 2022

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.



On your way to VNVDV Remembrance at Oak Hill Park visit the
San Ramon Memorial Program



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
HONOR AMERICA'S FALLEN
SERVICE MEMBERS

*City of San Ramon
Memorial Program*

MAY

MONDAY | **30** | 9:30AM
2022

SAN RAMON MEMORIAL PARK
5001 BOLLINGER CANYON RD
SAN RAMON, CA



Thank You to Exhibitors and all who Supported the

WALK OF HONOR

FOR OUR



VETERANS

Phillips 66 Walk of Honor HUGE Success!



MAY Dinner Meeting - 2022



The 2022 Swearing-In Ceremony Sunday May 22 recognized graduating High School seniors who are entering military service or the Academies.

Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley
Is proud to present the 2022
Recruit Recognition
and
Swearing-in Ceremony



Roll Call of Recruits

United States Marine Corps
Samuel Langefels, California High School
Ethan Melvin, California High School

United States Navy
Madeline Magnus, Clayton Valley High School
Jonathan Barragan, Pinole Valley High School

United States Army
James Haney, Monte Vista High School
Izrael Fisi, De La Salle High School
Brandon Segura, Las Lomas High School
Adriana Gutierrez, Dublin High School



Roll Call of Military Academy Appointees

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis
Matthew Jao, Dougherty Valley High School

United States Military Academy, West Point
Lewis Hare, California High School
Ryan Dillon, Monte Vista High School
Keck Colby, College Park High School



United States Air Force Academy
Tasha Shusterman, Amador High School
Alejandro Cardona, Los Positas College



RECOGNITION EVENTS AT THE MAY 2022 VNVDV MEETING



LEFT: VNVDV HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR RENEE MORGAN AND ROBERT STORER

RIGHT: QUILT PRESENTATION TO JERRY YAHIRO IN HONOR OF HIS EAST BAY STAND DOWN CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THE INCEPTION IN 1999.



2022 Sentinels of Freedom Gala Honoring the United States Marine Corps



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY *JUNE* BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Dunne	Army	Dave Turner	Navy
Don Schroeder	Army	Pete Longoria	Marines
Lee Halverson	Marines	Bill Green	Army
Bobby Dunton	Navy	Phillip Simon	Coast Gd.
Daniel Miranda	Army	Saber Zell	Marines
Ken Jones	Navy	William Hendley	Air Force
Dave Farkas	Navy	Mark Marcum	Army
Virgil Stanger	Navy	Dennis Kline	Navy
	Bob McDonnell	Army	

THANKS TO MAY SPEAKERS Judith “Judy” Petray and Carolyn Wong for their presentation Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.



ITINERARY

- Flight from SFO
 - 25+ Veterans, 25- Guardians and 3 Flight Coordinators = 53
- Day 1 – Vets and Guardians travel to Washington, DC
 - Assemble at departure airport, ~ 6:00am/8:00am
 - Bus transportation to DC area hotel
- Day 2 – Visit Memorials via local bus service
 - Visit WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Arlington, other memorials
- Day 3 – Bus pick-up at hotel to airport and flight home
 - Time permitting may include more site seeing
- Welcome Home at SFO Airport, ~ 8:00pm



250K
Honor Flight Network
MEMBER, SF

and
The Honorable Elizabeth Dale
Event Chairperson

Please join our live stream to commemorate
the 250,000th participant in the
Honor Flight Network program.

Tuesday, May 3, 2022
2:00pm
Live Stream



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

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VETERANS' VOICES

Next Show: Monday, JUNE 13 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Service-Pathway to US Citizenship"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**



Nathan D. Johnson
Host, Veterans' Voices



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.

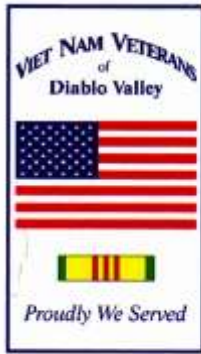
Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.

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."

For all your VNVDV Shirts and Hats team with TJ and Power Stitch



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Wheelchair Foundation



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The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips; 2006, 2012 and the Fall 2019 to VietNam. Wheel Chairs Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

We Thank David Behring & the Wheel Chair Foundation for the support of VNVDV & our three amazing wheel chair distribution trips to Vietnam.

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 trip to Vietnam. Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors our VietNam War Veteran Members

VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP Special 50th VN Commemoration - Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.

Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans

All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands 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 - Call the County VSO Office for Assistance - 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

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FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez
- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!


**VA is now offering Covid
vaccines to non-veteran
spouses and veteran 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
Visit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.

Are You Watching CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" on 2nd Monday?

Monthly Show Topics IMPORTANT to VETERANS & Recently Discharged/Returning VETS SUPPORT Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer

Watch 7pm Mondays  Watch 7pm Mondays

VETERANS' VOICES

A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

Join us live on the 3rd Monday of every month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans. Veterans' Voices provides a platform for all veterans, their family, and their caregivers to get support and learn about valuable resources and events in the community.

Hosted by:
Nathan D. Johnson, County Veterans Service Officer
Kevin Graves, CalVet LINC & Gold Star Parent

Watch live every 2nd Monday at 7 pm on CCTV
www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices
Call in Live: (925) 313-1170

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Contra Costa TV is channel 22 on Astoria, channel 27 on Concord, and channel 91 on AT&T U-verse
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

**"VETERAN VOICES"
on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH**

**TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR
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SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.**



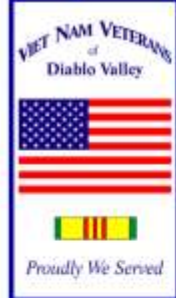
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow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

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 JUNE 2ND, 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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