



VNVDV MARCH 3RD DINNER MEETING CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes, we are once again going to **meet at Crow Canyon Country Club on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. I missed it last year, but after getting together a couple months, then not, I miss it even more.

Troubling times! Enough said.

Since we decided to postpone this year's "Luau" fundraiser (formerly crab feed) we hope you all will **participate in this year's Walk of Honor which is on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> in Crockett. It is our only chance to raise funds for the rest of the year.** 

And this year's **Memorial Day ceremony on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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**.

The docents at your Veterans Memorial Building have been educated and are now equipped to guide you in making your own **Shadow Box.** 

## ZOOM MEETING FEBRUARY 3RD



MARCH DINNER MEETING Speaker JEFF JEWELL, retired Concord Vet



Center Director, will speak on COVID 19 and how Veterans can deal with the health issues associated with this virus.

#### President's Message (Continued from Page One)

The program was discussed at our January meeting and also on the Veterans' Voices show that aired on January 10<sup>th</sup>. You can watch the show anytime on YouTube. Just go to YouTube and type in "veterans voices shadow box" and you can watch the whole show. The box could hold all your metals, ribbons, rank insignia, unit patch, name tag, dog tag, etc. It is not really for yourself, but for your children and grandchildren. A reminder of your service for generations to come, and perhaps a chance to start a long overdue conversation.

On Saturday March 5th at 10:00 the DO-CENT RECOGNITION BRUNCH will be upstairs at the VMB. Docent volunteers will be honored for the hours they donate to the success of the VMB displays.

I have been busy sending out our VNVDV 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge Coins to members who were not in attendance at the December meeting. If you did not receive one, please let me know by emailing me at houseworks@pacbell.net and giving me your mailing address.

The Veteran Memorial Building will be having its Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>. See enclosed flyer for details. We will have tickets for sale at the meeting so please bring your checkbook. If you cannot attend, please consider bringing an item or gift card to the meeting that we can auction off to raise funds.

Stay safe, healthy and see you Thursday.

Dennis

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







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

# SAT - May 21, 2022 DETAILS WILL FOLLOW



# Community Friends & Supporters...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our annual combined

# **Veterans Service Organization**

# CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

# Fundraiser

Tickets \$50.00 Saturday March 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM Veterans Memorial Building Main Hall 400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE, SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES Al funds collected go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building Operating Committee to pay for the operating expenses of the Veterans Wing of the building

### PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE VMB IN DANVILLE

Or Contact Dennis Giacovelli at <u>honseworks@pachell.net</u> or Lee Halverson at <u>lhazmateer@aol.com</u> for tickets





Dear Community Supporters:

February 1, 2022

The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, Operating Committee, would like to request tax deductible donations to use as raffle or auction items in our fifth Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser Dinner. This dinner will be held at our building located at 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville on Saturday March 19, 2022.

As you may know, we had to cancel our fundraising efforts during the Covid years, so we can really use your help this year.

Our all-volunteer Veterans Wing includes both a fine museum of veterans' memorabilia and war artifacts and also houses a significant military history research library. Both are open to the public Mon-Fri, 9-3. We are home to many Veterans Service Organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 75, American Legion Post 246, the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley, Marine Corps League Detachment 942, the Blue Star Moms, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, the Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Assoc. and the Military Officers Assoc. of America for which we provide support with both meeting and office space for their use.

We desperately need raffle and or auction prizes from our community and businesses to support our corned beef and cabbage dinner annual fundraiser. This fundraiser is the primary project to fund our ongoing operations in the Veteran's Wing of the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley.

Please consider us for a charitable contribution and contact me if you have any questions. We can be reached at (925) 362-9806. Our mailing address is: Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville CA 94526.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Dennis Giacovelli Chair, Operating Committee Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley houseworks@pacbell.net

Our Federal Tax ID is 51-0677131. The Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of San Ramon Valley is a tax exempt organization under U.S. Code section 501(c)(3), is incorporated in the State of California and is registered with the Franchise Tax, Board, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General.



#### DONATION RECEIPT

Date:

To:

The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley (VMB) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fundraiser. The VMB is a non-profit organization and the VMB provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner fundraising event.

Your Donation Details

\$ Value

The money raised through our 2022 Charity Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner fundraiser will help support our ongoing operations in the Veteran's Wing of the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley. Item may be dropped off or mailed to; Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526

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# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### Gold Sponsor \$2,500

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

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Includes 10 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials and event shirt.

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Includes 5 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials and event shirt.

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Checks should be made payable to: SFR Community Fund Tax ID # 45-2483804 c/o Aimee Henry 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

Phillips 66 is proud to be the Lead Sponsor of American Jobs for America's Heroes, a national nonprofit campaign coordinated by the Center for America to encourage employers to post jobs for 60,000+ unemployed National

Guard members. Register at www.CenterForAmerica.org to post jobs at no cost.



For questions, contact: Aimee Henry Phillips 66, Director, Community Relations 510-245—5130 aimee.m.henry@p66.com

#### Thank you to our 2021 Sponsors

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SFR Rodeo Refinery and Carbon Plant

> Proudly Presents the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual



Saturday, May 21, 2022

www.SFRWalkofHonor.com

Starting in January 2022 VNVDV members are encouraged to build their own SHADOW BOX to display various medals and awards.

There is an additional incentive: Complete a Shadow Box by March 31, 2022 and receive a FREE DINNER TICKET (\$30 Value) to one of our VNVDV Dinner Meetings.



Learn where to find your medals. How to identify missing awards & medals. Where to get a basic Shadow Box.

SPECIAL INCENTIVE: Complete your Shadow Box between now and MARCH 31, 2022 and receive a FREE DINNER TICKET.

(\$30 VALUE)



## 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.SENTINELSOFFREEDOM.ORG OR CALL US AT 925-880-6843

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.

Seminals of Freedom provides vital support and assistance to post-9 11 severally wounded and injured versions as they use to achieve post-versice higher solutions leading to professional career platement. The hurdless they faits are much higher for this greatly undepended population of returning version, both men and versions, who have served our nation honorably and instituted much in foling to.

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These ment and women are worth all than our Flation, and Sentinels 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT 925-880-6842

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#### ABOUT SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

\$10.000 - A table with preferred stating for ten people Logo recognition in the event program, table sign with company logo, and "sublid" on the event wideo screem.

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THE PREMIER Sponsorship

THE ADVOCATE Sponsorskip \$5,000

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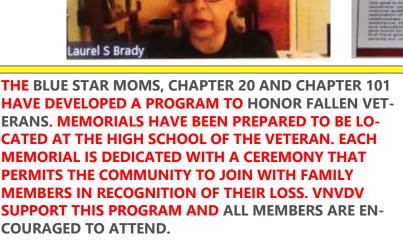
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THANKS TO MARCH SPEAKER JUDGE LAUREL BRADY DISCUSSING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT



THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR SSG DANIEL SCHEILE AND SGT JOHN ARAGON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4TH AT ANTIOCH HS HAS BEEN <u>CANCELLED</u>. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESCHEDULE DATE WILL BE IN THE NEWSLET-TER.







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

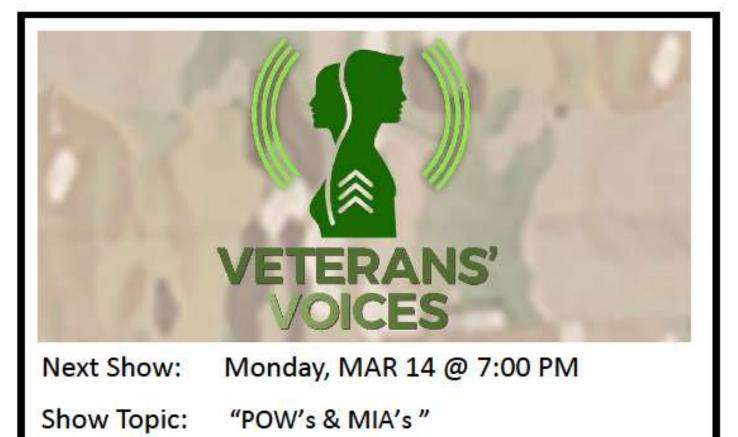
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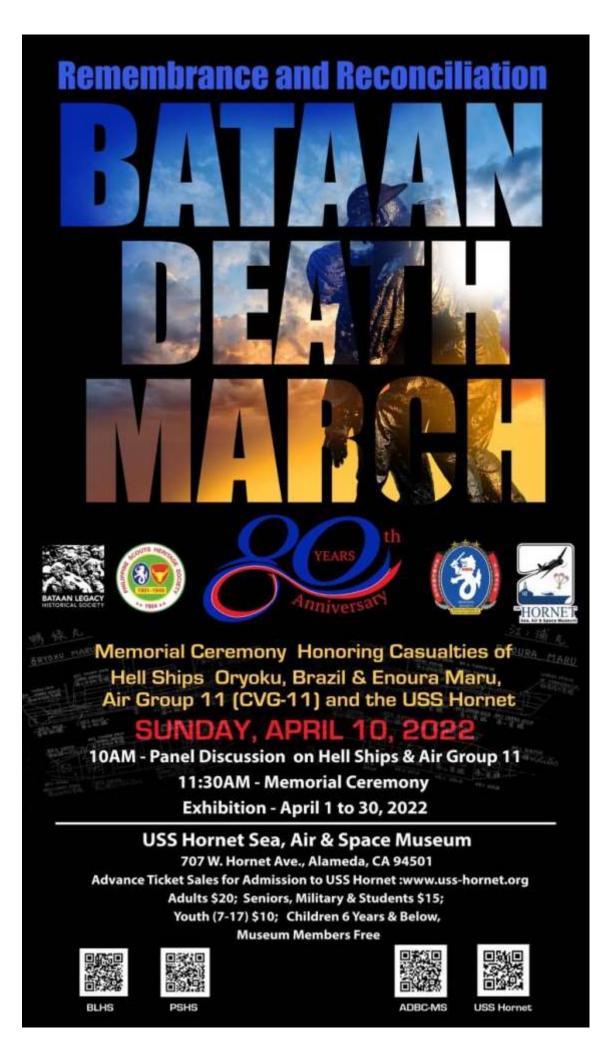
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# A NEW MOVIE REVIEW ~ A 1968 FILM YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

## Movie Review by: FORWARD OBSERVER



# **"THE GREEN BERETS"**

This controversial film was one of the first major films that attempted to portray a "gung ho" American fighting unit in Vietnam as a reflection of many WWII films that had the universal support of the American public. Unfortunately it was released in 1968 when the country was hopelessly divided on the direction of the war and the rising casualty count. This was a personal project of John Wayne who co-directed and starred in it along with David Jansenn and Jim Hutton. The movie was filmed in 1967 at Fort Benning, GA where the Army provided uniforms, choppers and full cooperation. A set of a Vietnamese village was constructed for the film and was left intact afterward for the training of soldiers at the base.

The script is uneven and the acting is stilted. It is this reviewers opinion that the film does a disservice to the real life members of the Green Berets who served with valor and steadfastness. While the film was a financial success, it was universally panned by most critics at the time.

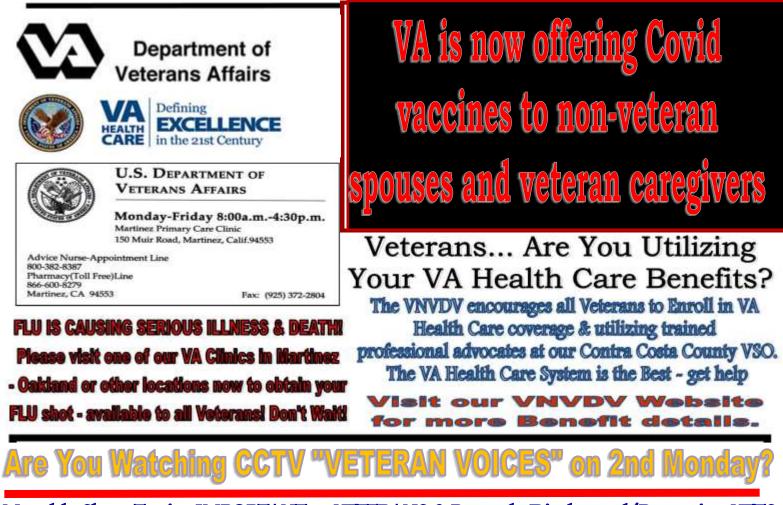
Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars) ★ ★ ★



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

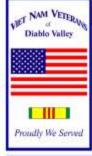


"VETERAN VOICES" on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.



REAL TIME PAIN RELIEF



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 & 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 MARCH 3RD, 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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