

INCOMING NEWS



NOV 2022

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley NOV 3RD MEETING IS ELECTION OF 2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

NO ZOOM CONNECTION FOR NOV 3RD MEETING. NOTICE IN NEWSLETTER (page 2)



Dennis Giacovel I
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was appropriate that a dozen of us VNVDV members were together washing and waxing the Huey this morning when we found out that **"Big John"** had passed. **John Estes** was forever large and in charge and a friend to all. He was a past president of the VNVDV and on the original building committee for the rebuilding of the Veterans Memorial Building. He will be missed.

And unfortunately, he was not the only member who passed in October. Earlier this month we lost **Dick Sperling**. Dick was highly decorated for his actions in Vietnam including the Distinguished Service Cross and Legion of Merit. Dick was a staple at our dinner meetings and he loved to chat. He will also be missed.

November is when we have our yearly elections. Please give some thought about joining our outstanding board in one of the openings for next year. **As of right now, the positions of Secretary and Director at Large are available.**

November is also when we ask that you bring a **\$25 Target gift card to be used during our "Operation Santa"** where we treat families of active-duty military to a little Christmas: a holiday meal and presents for every child.

Remember the Pleasanton Veterans Parade, Nov. 6th, muster 11 AM.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

VNVDV's dinner of the year... Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala, DECEMBER 1ST,

Social at 5 - Sit-down Dinner at 6

RSVP your MEAL SELECTION TO

SLATTENGREN.VNVDV@GMAIL.COM

(925) 216 7139 by NOV 22nd

Prime Rib / Salmon or Vegan

PRICE \$50 per DINNER

Remember to bring your \$25 TARGET GIFT CARD for OPERATION SANTA CLAUS TOY FUND

NOV 3RD DINNER MEETING SPEAKER, VNVDV

Member Eric Ardel will discuss the "Fall of Saigon, April 1975".



We recently found out that our hard-working **Contra Costa County Service Officer, Nathan Johnson, will be pursuing new opportunities.** Nathan has lead the County Veterans Service Office in providing assistance to the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of America, their dependents and survivors, and the general public, in obtaining the benefits they deserve. We wish him and his family, which is growing as we speak, the best. We know he will do well, wherever he heads.

The main theme for this year's Veterans Day (weekend) open house and museum will be Space. The LHCC (Library and Historical Collection Committee) think this is their best one yet. There will even be an actual "moon rock" and "space suit". Please stop by and be educated and amazed.

And don't forget the Veterans Day Ceremony itself. **Friday November 11th at 11:00 am, downstairs at the main hall of the Veterans Memorial Building.** It will be a one-hour ceremony, then you and your family (bring the grandkids) can spend some time looking at the weekend's museum exhibits.

On Saturday November 12th from 8:30-10:00 the Danville Town Council will once again be hosting a pancake breakfast at the Veterans Memorial Building. Come down and have breakfast and then spend some time at the yearly museum.

Please stay safe, healthy and let it rain.

Dennis Giacovelli
President
PH (925) 383-6445
houseworks@pacbell.net



Notice: We are discontinuing ZOOM Calls during our monthly Dinner Meetings. It has been difficult to provide a reliable and consistent connection.

If Covid returns at a high level of intensity that forces us to discontinue in-person Dinner Meetings, we will resume the ZOOM Calls.

2022 VNVDV Crab Feed

Sunday - Feb. 12th

“Donations Needed”

For the Feb. 12 Crab Feed donations don't fall from the sky. For this 2022 event Jim Murphy and Jim Hill need everyone's help to make the Auction successful. Contact them to discuss ways to contribute to the success of this fund raiser.



Left: JIM MURPHY, 925 858 2618

jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Right: JIM HILL, 510 410 1040

jamauihill@yahoo.com



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Invite you to our annual

CHRISTMAS DINNER

And

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Thursday December 1, 2022

5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner

Sit-Down Dinner \$50.00

No host bar

Crow Canyon Country Club,

711 Silver Lake Drive

Danville, CA

Please RSVP by Nov. 20 to

Mike Slattengren at

925-216-7139 or

Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

Please respond with your choice of

Prime Rib, Salmon or

Butternut Squash Ravioli

Veterans Day Parade Pleasanton - Sun. Nov 6

Need volunteers for flags

Flags will be assigned on a first come, first assigned basis

Short parade, start 1:00

Post parade gathering

Muster 11:00 Veterans Bldg. Main Street

Pleasanton



**PHOTOS 2021
VETERANS DAY
PARADE
PLEASANTON**





Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
1025 Escobar Street, Martinez

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



Contra Costa County's Board of Supervisors honors Veterans and invites the community to the **Annual Veterans Day Celebration held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 11:00 am.** The ceremony will be held in the Board's chambers at 1025 Escobar St. in Martinez.

The keynote speaker is **Retired Brigadier General Bart Gilbert.** Bart served in Vietnam and retired from the Army with over 40 years of service. He also worked for Contra Costa County for 27 years and retired as the Director of the County's General Services Department.

"On this Veterans Day, we express our profound gratitude for the service and sacrifice of our Veterans," said Board Chair, Supervisor Karen Mitchoff. "We honor these heroes who protect the ideals of freedom and democracy. We also celebrate the 75th anniversary of Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office which has been vital to serving the needs of Veterans and their families."

The celebration event will also feature a color guard ceremony by Heritage High School JROTC, a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Concord High School's Ladies First, and a special recognition of Phillips 66 Veterans Network.

The celebration will also be broadcast live on Contra Costa Television (CCTV) www.contracostatv.org and on channels: Comcast Cable 27, ATT/U-Verse Channel 99, and WAVE Channel 32.

**VETERANS DAY LUNCH DUBLIN ROTARY
NOV 9 11:30 ~ 1:00 VETERANS NO CHARGE**



The Rotary Club of Dublin
presents



Hometown Heroes
VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Shannon Community Center
11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin**

The Rotary Club of Dublin, in cooperation with the City of Dublin, will proudly present the Hometown Heroes Veterans Day Luncheon. Please join us to honor and recognize all the courageous men and women in the United States Military, past and present.

Tickets may be purchased on Eventbrite: \$35 per person; \$350 per table of eight. Veterans and active military are welcome free of charge, but must RSVP on Eventbrite. Those purchasing tables help to support the complimentary meals for those who serve our country.

For additional event information and to purchase tickets, visit rotaryhometownheroesluncheon.eventbrite.com or text 925-321-5319.

You are invited to the 7th Annual

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the
Danville Town Council

(Newell, Robert, Karen, Renee & Dave)

and American Legion Post 246

Saturday, November 12, 2022

8:30 – 10:30 am



Location:
Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA



**VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A
COMPLIMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



VETERANS DAY FRIDAY NOV 11TH, VMB

HONOR OUR VETERANS



Freedom is not Free

Veterans Day Observance - November 11, 2022
SRV Veterans Memorial Building - 400 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA

Guest Speaker Robert Fish



Robert Fish, Naval Midshipman 1966

Robert Fish graduated from high school in Orlando, FL in 1966 and attended the University of Virginia on a Naval ROTC scholarship.

After college, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps stationed at the USMC Western Pacific data center, Okinawa managing IBM computer systems supplying the Vietnam war effort.

After being honorably discharged in 1971, he remained in the information technology field, holding increasingly important positions at Blue Cross, Safeway Stores, Wells Fargo Bank and Bank of America.

In 1984, he joined his first high tech Silicon Valley startup company, Network Equipment Technologies (NET). In 1985, during the Reagan era, Bob was the program manager for the modernization of the White House communications system. Following the Challenger space shuttle disaster, he became involved with the DoD and worked on a number of strategic national intelligence programs. Bob received a USAF commendation for his activities in the Desert Storm/Shield war.

In 2000, Bob joined the Board of Trustees of the USS Hornet Museum, a highly decorated WWII aircraft carrier located in Alameda, CA.

He is a recognized national authority on the Navy's role in the recovery of the 1960's NASA manned space-flights. He is also the creator of the award winning "Apollo 11 spacecraft recovery exhibit" on board the USS Hornet museum and is a published author of the highly acclaimed book "Hornet Plus Three" about the recovery of Apollo 11.

Bob has lived in Danville for 30 years, is married and has one son.

Veterans Day/Weekend November 11, 12, & 13, 2022 Program Presented by:
San Ramon Valley
Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion - Post 246 ★ Blue Star Moms - Chapter 101
Marine Corp League - Det. 942 ★ Military Officers Association America
Veterans of Foreign War - Post 75 ★ Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022
Veterans Day Observed

11:00 AM - Opening

11:06 AM Invocation - Hugh Keith

11:10 AM - National Anthem

11:20 AM Introduction - Bob Fish, USS Hornet, Board of Trustees

Question & Answers

Static UH1H "Huey" Display - Veterans Memorial Building, Hartz Ave - All Day

Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) Displays - Veterans Memorial Building - All Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

Static UH1H "Huey" Display - Veterans Memorial Building, Hartz Ave - All Day

8:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast - 2nd Floor, SRVVM, Danville, Danville Town Council

Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) Displays - Veterans Memorial Building - All Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Static UH1H "Huey" Display - Veterans Memorial Building, Hartz Ave - All Day

Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) Displays - Veterans Memorial Building - All Day



On this Veterans Day please honor all who serve our country with honor especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our safety and freedom.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, 11 AM

HONOR OUR VETERANS Veterans Day 2022

Program Presented by the
Veteran Service Organizations of the
Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
Friday November 11, 2022 at 11:00 am
Main Hall on Prospect



Navy Pilot, Neil Armstrong



Astronaut, Neil Armstrong

Guest speaker Robert Fish, a
Trustee and Apollo 11 Curator
of the USS Hornet will be
discussing our military's role in
space and the Hornet's roll in
Apollo 11 recovery.



Robert Fish on the right,
Neil Armstrong on the left



The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
and the The Town of Danville
Present the Veterans Day (weekend) pop-up museum

SPACE

Including:

Space Force.

NASA exhibits

Working Droids

Star Wars reenactors

Women in Space exhibit

Models of America's Rockets

USS Hornet F-8 Crusader Cockpit

And of course the "Huey" will be out front

Entire Family Event – Free Admission

Friday November 11, 2022 from 9:00 – 5:00

Saturday November 12, 2022 from 9:00 – 5:00

Sunday November 13, 2022 from 10:00 – 3:00



Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
corner of Hartz and Prospect, Danville



Veteran's Dinner

Walnut Creek
Elks Lodge

YOU'VE SERVED US.
NOW LET US SERVE YOU.

WE INVITE ALL VETERAN'S AND ACTIVE MILITARY

Sunday, November 13, 2021

Join us as we honor *our Veterans* for their service.
All Veteran's and their guest's dinner will be complimentary.
Lounge Open: 2:00 PM Dinner: 3:30PM
Dinner: \$15.00/per person for Elk NON-Veteran members.
Location: Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811
1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
RSVP: Wednesday, November 10th, 2pm
Send your RSVP to: RSVP@elks1811.org or 925-935-1811

OPERATION SANTA 2022 SERVES 100 FAMILIES CONSISTING OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AND GWOT VETERANS. THE COAST GUARD PROVIDES THE EVENT LOCATION AND THE SELECTED FAMILIES RECEIVE TOYS AND GIFT CARDS THAT HELP THEM ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. VNV DV MEMBERS MAY DONATE TO THE PROGRAM BY BRING A GIFT CARD FROM TARGET WITH A SUGGESTED VALUE OF \$25. THE GIFT CARDS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3RD AND THE DECEMBER 1ST MEETINGS.





For more than a century, they've been at it.
The Black Knights against the Midshipmen.
Army vs. Navy

The Greatest Rivalry In Sports. Army/Navy Game

December 10, 2022

Game starts 12:00

Come join your fellow Veterans
downstairs in the main hall of the
Veterans Memorial Building

For

hot dogs, chili, nachos,
Camaraderie, and The Game
Bring a side dish and refreshment



VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

Annual Crab Feed & Auction



Sunday Febuuary 12, 2023

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

SAVE the DATE

More Information to Come!

IN THE MEANTIME WE NEED DONATIONS.

PLEASE BE A DONOR OR SPONSOR A DONOR.

Contact: Jim Murphy

925 858-2618 • jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Contact: Jim Hill

510 410-1040 • jamauihill@yahoo.com

Calling All VNVDV Members, we need your support & help!

As an organization the VNVDV is committed to supporting veterans, active military and our local community. In order to ensure our commitment we must raise funds that support the needs these important groups within our community.

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their “Super Crab Feed & Auction” annual fundraiser, and respectfully request your help and support for this event. Our event will take place on Sunday February 12, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526. A fresh cracked crab dinner will be served along with a Silent Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes, Football Pool and wine & beer Bar. Attendance is limited to 160 people, cost per person is TBD. Once final event details are confirmed information regarding the purchase of tickets will be sent to you.

As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley we respectfully request your support for this event.

- Frequent a local restaurant? Asked them for their support with a gift card/certificate or you can buy a gift card for your next visit as a way of supporting them during these challenging times and ask them to match it as a way of supporting the VNVDV.
- You can do the same when dealing with any of the local businesses you support throughout the year.
- Ask family and friends. Many of our best donations come as a result of who you know. Reach out and ask for their help and support.
- Receive gifts of wines and spirits? Why not consider re-gifting them as donations for our event.

All donations received will be identified with the donor’s name. All donors will be acknowledged to our membership and to the community at large. These generous donations will ensure our continued commitment of support to our veterans and active military community.

If you have any questions regarding donations or need help getting them to us please reach out to:

Jim Murphy – Tel: 925 858-2618 EM: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Jim Hill – Tel: 510 410-1040 EM: jamauihill@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

IDEAS FOR CRAB FEED DONATIONS



November 1, 2022

Dear VNVDV member,

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their "Super Sunday Crab Feed" annual fundraiser, and respectfully request your help and support for this event. Our event will take place on February 12, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526. A Super Sunday Crab Feed will be served along with a Silent Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes, Football Pool and Snack Table. Attendance is limited to 120 people, cost is \$60.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Michael Slattengren at (925) 216-7139 or Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com.

The VNVDV is an independent, "grass-roots", *non-profit, tax-exempt*, 501(c)(19), veterans' organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam veterans. We "proudly continue to serve" our community, through a variety of programs and events.

The money raised through this fundraising event, supports the ongoing administrative costs of the VNVDV. More importantly, these funds also support our various Veteran, serving military and community related events and programs, throughout the year. These include:

- The All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville's 4th of July Parade
- Danville Veteran's Day Program
- The VNVDV School Speaker's Bureau
- The Holiday Gift Drive
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- GWOT Young Veterans Retreat
- The East Bay Stand Down
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus

As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley I respectfully request your support for this event, I am asking you to reach out to friends, associates and family member's for donations in support of our silent auction. All donations received will be identified with the donor's name. All donors will be acknowledged to our membership and to the community at large. These generous donations will ensure our continued commitment of support to our veterans and active military community. For donation follow-ups/referrals please contact: Jim Murphy (925) 858-2618 or Email: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com.

I look forward to you joining us in support of the "Super Luan" fundraiser and I'm grateful for your generosity to your fellow veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dennis Giacobelli, President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

P.O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 -E-MAIL: vnvdv1@gmail.com - WEBSITE : www.VNVDV.com

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit veterans organization/corporation 501 (c)19, EIN 68-0266369



Date: _____

DONATION - DONOR RECEIPT

To: _____

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. We are a non-profit organization and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual fund raising event.

| Your Donation Details | \$ - Value |
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The money raised through our 2023 Charity Fundraiser, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. Thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

2022 Auction Coordinator
Auction Donation Committee 2022
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Contact: Jim Murphy - Telephone: (925) 858-2618 - E-mail: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

OCTOBER Dinner Meeting - 2022



Community Friends & Supporters...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our annual combined

Veterans Service Organization

**CORNERED BEEF AND
CABBAGE DINNER**

**Fundraiser for the
Veterans Memorial Building**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday March 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Veterans Memorial Building

400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA

**GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE,
SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE,
DOOR PRIZES**

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY
HONOR • COMMUNITY • SERVICE**





VETERANS' VOICES

Next Show: Monday, November 14 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: **“Women In Service”**

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**



Nathan D. Johnson
Host, Veterans' Voices



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **NOVEMBER** BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Bud Eckert | Marines | Bill Hodges | Navy |
| “TJ” Trujillo | Army | Lorrie Sammons | Navy |
| Tom Holstrom | Navy | Gary Pforr | Marines |
| Steve Mazaika | Army | Donald Parker | Navy |
| Phil Stage | Army | Slatts Slattengren | Navy |
| Kasey Warner | Navy | Dave Corazza | Air Force |
| Steve Shirley | Army | Charles Gibson | Army |
| Bob Poirier | Navy | John Ricardo | Army |
| Tom Eager | Army | Bob Paulson | Army |
| | Jim Martin | Army | |

THANKS TO OCTOBER SPEAKER Ricky Deutsch for his presentation on **“The History of Film-based Intelligence Satellites”**.



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

Mike Weber

925.487.7609

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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

OFFICIAL BALLOT for the 2022 ELECTION of OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Serving JANUARY 1, 2023 to DECEMBER 31, 2023

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PRESIDENT

Steve Burchik

VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Hill

TREASURER

Mike "Slatts" Slattengren

SECRETARY

DIRECTOR of MEMBERSHIP

Jim Murphy

DIRECTOR - at - LARGE

DIRECTOR of EVENTS

Jerry Yahiro

DIRECTOR of SPEAKERS

Bill Green

DIRECTOR of INFORMATION

Jon Robbins

DIRECTOR of PROCUREMENT

John "T. J." Trujillo

DIRECTOR of PUBLIC RELATIONS

John "Garfield" Reese

ALL VNVDV Ballots should be submitted at the Monthly Meeting in Nov. Or copied from the November issue of the Incoming News and completed in Full and Mailed to the organization address—VNVDV PO Box 2079—Danville, CA 94526 by Nov. 22, 2022 deadline.

PRINTED NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONTACT PHONE: _____

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE COMPLETED ALLOWING ELECTION COMMITTEE TO MATCH AGAINST OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.

VA MARTINEZ is Ready

**Call & Schedule an Appointment for Your FLU Shot
by Calling: 925 / 372-2011**

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

No-cost flu shots available for enrolled Veterans

Free flu shots start on September 16, 2022, at all VA Northern California Health Care System locations. Flu shots can prevent or reduce flu symptoms.

Why should I get a flu shot?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is especially important for all of us to do our part to help reduce the spread of the flu in our communities. A flu shot is a safe way to help protect yourself and those around you from getting sick and having complications from flu. You should get an updated flu shot every year. The flu shot neither prevents nor causes COVID-19. As a reminder, the flu shot cannot cause a flu-illness, and the vaccine we use does not contain any live virus. Visit the [VHA Public Health website](#) for more information.

Routine vaccination prevents illnesses that lead to unnecessary medical visits and hospitalizations.

If you have already received the COVID-19 and/or flu vaccine outside of the VA, provide your nurse with the documentation (date/location), so your records will be updated.

Enrolled Veterans get a no-cost flu shot at Martinez Outpatient Clinic

During Scheduled Appointments

Enrolled Veterans can request a flu shot during most scheduled appointments. Ask the provider or clerk about flu shots when scheduling an appointment.

Walk-In Vaccination Clinics

Flu shots are being offered on a walk-in basis at the Martinez, VA Clinic.

† Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. PT

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.

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (Veterans' Clinic)

2890 Mitchell Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598 United States

(925) 296-3125 (option 7)

[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.**

Schedule of Events for Veterans - Wellness Clinics for Veterans' Pet at ARF Headquarters
in Walnut Creek on Wednesdays *Appointment Required*

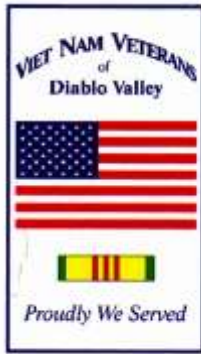
Wellness Clinic for Veterans' Pets

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (Veterans' Clinic) 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

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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."

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



John T.J. Trujillo
Director of Procurement

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
P.O. Box 2079
Danville, CA 94526

925-997-5253
trujillo.tj.john@gmail.com
www.VNVDV.com



VNVDV Hats and Shirts available at monthly meetings

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"



Looking for a unique BIRTHDAY Gift? Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

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 Commeration - 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

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**Veterans... Are You Utilizing
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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
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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.

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Kevin Graves, CalVet LINC & Gold Star Parent

Watch live every 2nd Monday at 7 pm on CCTV
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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!*

**DINNER MEETING NOVEMBER 3RD,
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MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

1st THURSDAY of each Month

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