

INCOMING NEWS



OCT 2022

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley **VNVDV OCTOBER 6TH DINNER MEETING** **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB**

**ZOOM CONNECTION FOR OCT 6 MEETING IN
COVER LETTER**



Dennis
Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Uncle Sam
wants You.**

Attendance at our monthly dinner meetings has gone from 65-70 pre-covid to 45-50 recently. Since we

have a contract that has a minimum of 65 meals, the organization has to make up the difference. **Please consider attending monthly meetings again.**

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.*

A big *Shoutout* to

Phillips 66 - their management & all the **employees** - and especially **Aimee Lohr-Henry and Derrick Henry** for their generous donation from the 2022 "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans Event. VNVDV appreciate the tremendous effort by **Phillips 66** enabling support of many worthy veteran programs.



OCT 6TH DINNER MEETING

SPEAKER, Ricky Deutsch discussing "The History of Film-based Intelligence Satellites".



Slatts and I picked up the check today from Aimee Henry at Phillips 66 for the Walk of Honor. Even though covid affected the attendance, Phillips 66 was able to give us \$14,000. Way more than I expected. Many thanks to Aimee and Phillips 66. See photo.

Mangia Mi Restaurant in downtown Danville has this year donated appetizers for several of VNVDV events and functions. To recognize them I presented the owners with a VNVDV framed certificate of appreciation. See photo.

The main theme for this year's **Veterans Day (weekend) open house and museum will be Space**. The LHCC (Library and Historical Collection Committee) would like to display anything you might have on this subject. If you have anything related to space or even the Space Force, please let me know. **Nothing related?- they also are asking each Veterans Organization to be responsible for two tables worth of display items. The items can be anything related to your time in the military.** I am sure you all have items you would like to share with the community. Please email me your ideas, your list of display items, etc. at houseworks@pacbell.net.

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.

Summer is over, let's have some rain. And as John would say- *Get your flu shot*. Stay (or get) healthy and be safe.

Dennis Giacovelli
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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023

President Dennis Giacovelli selected our 2022/2023 Nomination Committee. Dennis selected the very experienced Past President Mike Weber Chair and VNVDV Past President Rich Lambert to assist in the selection of our new & future leaders & potential Board Members & Committee Chairs. We encourage all VNVDV members to find out more about the organization and the various positions available.



Shoutout to Mangia Mi Restaurant in Danville for their support of VNVDV functions with their donations of appetizers for various functions.



Exchange Club Remembers 9/11 at AWM

21st REMEMBRANCE



Honoring Military,
Firefighters,
Police, & Airlines

9/11



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
A PILOT'S PERSPECTIVE
OF THAT FATEFUL DAY
Captain Roy Smith 8 Yr. USAF
28 Years United Airline Pilot



September 11, 2022 5:30 pm
All Wars Memorial, Danville



EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY



SEPTEMBER Dinner Meeting - 2022



VIETNAM VETERANS PICNIC SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND 10-2

VET★CENTER

Join us for our annual Vietnam Veterans Picnic!

Veterans of any era and guests come enjoy food, music, and camaraderie on:

***Saturday October 22nd
from 10am to 2pm***

**Concord Community Park
3501 Cowell Road, Area #2
Concord, Ca 94518**

To RSVP call: (925)680-4526

Hosted by the Concord Vet Center and
Vietnam Combat Support Group



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



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **OCTOBER** BIRTHDAYS

Jim Murphy	Navy	Jon Robbins	Army
James Handlin	Army	Bob Sada	Air Force
John Reese	Navy	Patti Wernet	Army
Jerry Yahiro	Army	Phil Butler	Navy
Gary Slattengren	Navy	Henry Fanger	Navy
David Behring	Honorary	Robert Mitchell	Marine
Pat Leary	Army	Les Chakurian	Army
Mike Huntsman	Navy	Roy Warner	Navy
Joe Callaway	Army	Patty Chew	Army
Juan Kelly	Army	Dave Smith	Air Force

**THANKS TO SEPTEMBER
SPEAKER Ryan-Thomas Brown,
Deputy District Director, CA Con-
gressional District 11** who provid-
ed an update on District changes
and information on Veterans af-
fairs.



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, October 10 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Chaplains"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: [veteransvoices1](https://www.facebook.com/veteransvoices1)



Nathan D. Johnson
Host, Veterans' Voices



VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS EXPANDED

VA



U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs

PACT ACT

Dear VA Northern California Health Care System Veterans:

On October 1, The Department of Veterans Affairs will expand and extend eligibility for VA health care for certain Veterans of the Gulf Wars and post-9/11 era.

This expansion will increase health care eligibility for hundreds of thousands of toxic-exposed Veterans. Additionally, VA has already expanded health care eligibility for certain Veterans of the Vietnam War. More detailed information about this expansion can be found on [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT).

President Biden signed the bipartisan [PACT Act](https://va.gov/PACT) into law August 10, authorizing one of the largest expansions of VA health care and benefits in U.S. history. Veterans can go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) to apply for health care or learn more about what this bill means for them and their families.

"This expansion will bring generations of new Veterans into VA health care, and increase the health care benefits of many more, which will result in the one outcome that matters most: better health outcomes for Veterans," said **Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs**. "I highly encourage these Veterans to apply now for the health care they've earned and deserve."

Beginning on Oct. 1, Post-9/11 Veterans who did not previously enroll in VA health care will have a 1-year window to enroll if they:

- Served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, **or**
- Served in a combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after Nov. 11, 1998, **and**
- Were discharged or released from active service between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013.

Also on Oct. 1, Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War will be eligible for care. This includes Veterans who, in connection with service during such period, received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Service Specific Expeditionary Medal, Combat Era Specific Expeditionary Medal, Campaign Specific Medal, or any other combat theater award established by federal statute or executive order.

Starting now, Vietnam-era Veterans who served in the following locations and time periods are eligible for care: The Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975; Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base between Jan. 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976; Laos between Dec. 1, 1965, and Sept. 30, 1969; Certain provinces in Cambodia between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969; Guam or American Samoa (or their territorial waters) between Jan. 9, 1962, and July 31, 1980; Johnston Atoll (or on a ship that called there) between Jan. 1, 1972, and Sept. 30, 1977.

While the expansion of PACT Act-related health care eligibility is staggered over the coming years, VA has made all [conditions outlined in the PACT Act](https://va.gov/PACT) **presumptive** for benefits as of August 10, the day President Biden signed the bill into law. Eligible Veterans and survivors are encouraged to apply for those benefits now at [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT).

More information about VA's implementation of the PACT Act can be found in this [fact sheet](#).

Thank you.

VA Northern California Health Care System

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The **VNVDV** highly recommends you make an **appointment** for a [Benefit Check-Up](#) with our *Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office* in Martinez or make an appointment for Wednesday at the Danville Field Office located in the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley. **Appointments** can be confirmed by calling the CCCVSO at: **925 / 313-1481**

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

VA HEALTH CARE in MARTINEZ

VA NCHCS Call Center

1-800-382-VETS
(1-800-382-8387)

Answers to your health and eligibility questions are just a phone call away through our toll-free telephone care program.

For **eligibility and benefits questions**, or to **schedule or cancel an appointment** or to **message your provider**, please call center number. Our call center agents are available Monday - Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, excluding federal holidays.

Speak with an **Advice Nurse** if you have health care questions, or need help understanding your options or deciding what to do next. *Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

PHARMACY ADVICE AND REFILLS

1-866-600-VARX
(1-866-600-8279)

Consult with an **Advice Pharmacist** if you have questions about your medications. Available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Order Refills or obtain information about pending prescriptions through our automated prescription refill system. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may also order refills at one of our Patient Education Kiosks or on-line at www.myhealth.va.gov

FINDING US IS EASY

Martinez VA Outpatient Clinic
150 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 372-2000

Hours of Operation
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
(Excluding Federal Holidays)



VA Northern California
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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www.northerncalifornia.va.gov

MARTINEZ VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC



"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN



HEALTH CARE

The Martinez VA Outpatient Clinic offers a wide range of outpatient health care services to veterans in Contra Costa County and surrounding areas.

Our team of dedicated, compassionate and caring health care professionals work together to provide you with high quality health care services close to where you live and work.

We want to improve your health and well being. As part of our commitment to you, we provide personalized health care services based on your individual needs. Patients requiring health care services that are not available at this location may be referred to another VA facility for treatment.



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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.

For more information:

- Call **VA NCHCS Call Center Number** at 1-800-382-VETS (1-800-382-8387) to speak with a Health Benefits Advisor, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays.
- 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.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Ambulatory Surgery	Nephrology
Audiology	Nuclear Medicine
Cardiology	Nutrition
Day Treatment Program	Ophthalmology
Dermatology	Optical Shop
Diagnostic Imaging including CT and MRI	Optometry
Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)	Orthopedics
Environmental Exposure Program	Pain Clinic
Gastroenterology	Pharmacy
General Surgery & Surgical Subspecialties	Physical Therapy
Home Based Primary Care	Podiatry
Homeless Outreach Program	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Hematology / Oncology	Primary Care
Infectious Diseases	Pulmonary Medicine
Laboratory	Research
Mental Health	Rheumatology
	Social Work Services
	Speech Pathology
	Substance Abuse
	Urgent Care
	Urology
	Women's Health Services including Mammography

The **Center for Rehabilitation and Extended Care (CREC)** offers a wide range of geriatric and extended care to veterans who require in patient care to address specific needs. For more information call the Admissions Coordinator at (925) 370-4704



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

Visit us on the web at: www.cem.va.gov

**For additional information on your benefits - Contact:
County Veterans Service Office in Martinez or Danville.
Call 925/313-1481 for an Appointment**

Movie Review by:
FORWARD OBSERVER



“THE KILLING FIELDS”

This British biopic follows two real life journalists, Sydney Schanberg of the New York Times and Cambodian Dith Pran in the mid 1970's as the Khmer Rouge take control of Cambodia. As the Americans leave Viet Nam, there is a simultaneous evacuation of journalists out of Cambodia. Sydney makes it back to the U.S., but is unable to bring Dith Pran with him. Dith Pran then begins a long journey through Cambodia where he stumbles into one of the infamous “killing fields” where millions were executed as Cambodia is devastated. He evades the Khmer Rouge as they fight a border war with Viet Nam. He eventually makes it out to a Red Cross shelter near Thailand and is flown to America. Sam Waterston is excellent in his portrayal of Schanberg, while first time actor, Haing S. Ngor won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor. This is an intense film which depicts the brutality of the Khmer Rouge in gruesome detail.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.

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*

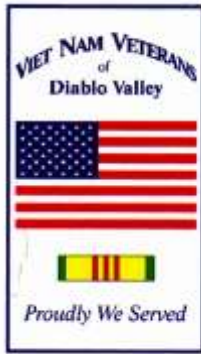
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."

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



John T.J. Trujillo
Director of Procurement

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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

VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org

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Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line
866-600-8279
Martinez, CA. 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

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 Flu shots at the Martinez Clinic

**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

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

@VeteransVoices1

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

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

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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 OCTOBER 6TH,
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!**

PAST PRESIDENTS

- Gary Estella
- William "Bill" Green
- Ray La Rochelle
- Michael Slattengren
- Jerry Yahiro
- John Estes
- Del Loewe
- Tim Hart
- Mike Weber
- Mike McDaniel
- Rich Lambert
- Ron Azarcon
- Bill Picton
- Norm Mahalich



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