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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley *VNVDV SEPTEMBER 1ST DINNER MEETING CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB* NO ZOOM CONNECTION FOR SEP 1 MEETING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you may know, the VNVDV has a special place in our heart for the **Wheelchair Foundation**. We support them with our time and funds. We have traveled to Vietnam three times over the years on wheelchair distributions. A most rewarding experience. Last Monday was the **Wheelchair Foundation's Golf Tournament Fundraiser**. A special thanks to Lorrie, Tim, Dave, John, and D1 for minding the **Military Hole** all day in the heat. With the

help of the Farmers Insurance Team, we sold 103 wheelchairs. Additional thanks to the Sammons and the VNVDV who each bought three wheelchairs.



9/11 Remembrance...

a Community Ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Danville to remember & honor. Featured speaker - AIRLINE CAPTAIN R. SMITH

9/11 A PILOT'S PERSPECTIVE

9/11 Patriot Day is a

Public / Community Ceremony on -SUN Sept 11 at 5:30 - 6:30 PM in Oak Hill Park

3500 Stone Valley Road Danville

Next to Monte Vista High **Please** Share this Event & Bring the Family

SEP 1ST DINNER MEETING SPEAKER, RYAN BROWN,

Field Representative for Congressman Mark DeSauliner. He will be presenting updates of 11th District changes and Veteran issues.

President's Message (Continued from Page One)

Another Covid related problem. Attendance at our monthly dinner meetings has gone from 65-70 pre-covid to 45 recently. Since we have a contract that has a minimum of 65 meals, the organization has to make up the difference. Last month that difference was about \$600. Since we cannot sustain this drain on our funds, it may be time to talk about the options for future meetings. Some suggestions would be: switch to lunch meetings, have meetings at the Veterans Memorial Building and have them catered, find another location, etc. I would like to know what you think. Please email me your ideas at houseworks@pacbell.net

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 commu-Please email me your ideas, your nity. list of display items, etc. at houseworks@pacbell.net.

Please plan to attend this year's 9/11 Ceremony at Oak Hill Park. See page1,5.

Summer is almost over, get out, see friends and visit family but do it safely.

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



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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. VOLUN-TEERING in a leadership position can be

EXTREAMINLY REWARDING PERSONALLY! **Find out more...** if you have any questions about any position or the duties of any Board Positions please contact Rich or Mike. Elections are held at our Annual Meeting in the month of November by Ballot.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFENENCE!

AUGUST Dinner Meeting - 2022



DANVILLE HOT SUMMER SUNDAYS AUGUST CAR SHOW INCLUDED ENTRIES FROM VNVDV MEMBERS



VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE COFFEE EVERY SATURDAY 9-12. DROP IN AND VISIT WITH FEL-LOW VETERANS.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH OAK HILL PARK, DANVILLE 5:30

21ST REMEMBRANCE



STUDENT ESSAY AWARDS MONTE VISTA CHOIR HONOR GUARD SCOUT FLAG ARRAY ECHO TAPS

KEYNOTE CAPTAIN R. SMITH 9/11 A PILOT'S PERSPECTIVE

SUNDAY 5:30-6:30 OAK HILL PARK



WREATH LAYING HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS Fire, Police, Military, Airlines



SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Honoring our Veterans Friday, Sept 9, 2022 SRV Stadium Field at 7 p.m. WOLVES VS. FLK GROVE HERD FOOTBALL

Present this ticket for:

Veteran Admission

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Gate contrarte: Hot dog and Boverage Apple Pie SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL WILL HONOR VETER-ANS ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 7 PM AT THE SRV STADIUM FIELD, DANVILLE.

Contact Lee Halverson lhazmateer@aol.com at the VMB for guest tickets.



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fred Granados	Army	George Coughlin	Army
Don Loeffler	Army	Steve McCrerry	Marine
Dave Smith	Army	John McPartland	Army
Bart Gilbert	Army	Julian Mathews	Navy
John Sullivan	Air Force	Dennis Nead	Marine
Michael Hurder	Army	Robert Miller	Navy
Bill Tharp	Army	Dan Young	Army

THANKS TO AUGUST SPEAKER Alan Burns, Chief Docent on the USS Red Oak Victory (AK– 235) who provided a brief look at an Historic Ship and the Kaiser Shipyards where it was built.





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

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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



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.

Out 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.



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)







OurHealthyHome

www.northerncalifornia.va.gov

Enrolling is fast and easy. Stop by today

and complete an Application for Medi-

cal Benefits, VA Form 10-EZ. Please

discharge certificate to help us verify

Call VA NCHCS Call Center

(1-800-382-8387) to speak with a

Health Benefits Advisor, Monday

6:00 p.m., exluding federal holidays

· Visit the VA Health Eligibilty Web

Site at www.oa.gov/elig

SCHEDULING

ment only. This helps us

provide our patients with

Medical visits are by appoint-

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.

through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to

Number at 1-800-382-VETS

your eligibility. You can also complete

the form on-line or mail us a copy of the

bring a copy of your DD-214 or

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completed form.

For more information:

MARTINEZ VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC



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

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Ambulatory Surgery Audiology Cardiology Day Treatment Program Dermatology **Diagnostic Imaging** including CT and MRI Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Enviornmental Exposure Program Gastroenterology General Surgery & Surgical Subspecialties Home Based Primary Care Homeless Outreach Program Hematology/Oncology Infectious Diseases Laboratory Mental Health

Nephrology Nuclear Medicine Nutrition Ophthalmology Optical Shop Optometry Orthopedics Pain Clinic Pharmacy Physical Therapy Podiatry Post Traumatic Stree Disorder Primary Cars **Pulmatory Medicine** Research 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



APPOINTMENTS AND

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VA National Cemetery Honors Veterans

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

n 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

Fort Logan National Cemetery, Colorado

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. 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 Cametery, 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.



Chattandoga 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.





Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.

<u>Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (Veterans' Clinic)</u> Wellness Clinic for Veterans' Pets

Free veterinary wellness care is available through our in-house clinic on Wednesdays, <u>by appointment only</u>. 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 <u>Appointment Required</u>

September 7 @ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wellness Clinic for Veterans' Pets

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

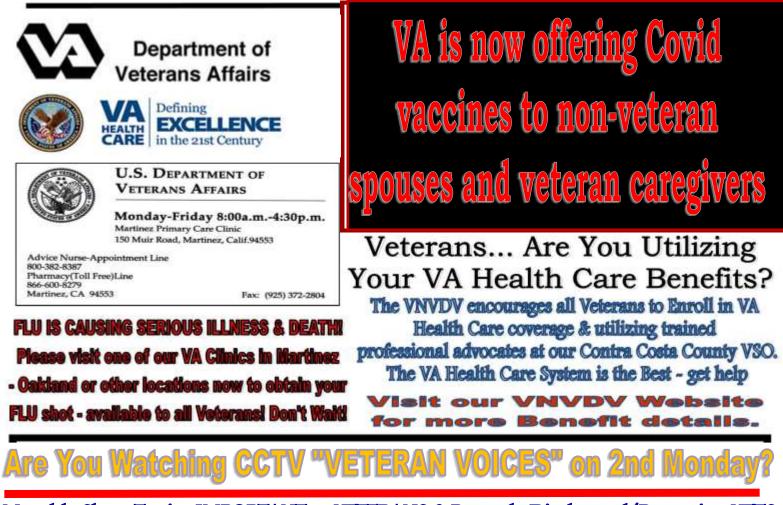
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SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS "DROP-OFF" LOCATIONS



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.



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