



INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

AUG 2023

VNVDV AUGUST 3RD DINNER MEETING CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB



Steve Burchik
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had another high attendance level for the July Dinner Meeting with more than 60 people showing up for a great dinner. Fred Granados introduced Danville Police Chief Allan Shields who gave an excellent presentation in the form of an extended Q&A session.

I want to thank all our members who participated in the July 4 parade. **We had three contingents: Huey Crew, Color Guard and members who passed out 10,000 flags.** The crowd appeared to be one of the largest and they appeared to appreciate the presence of Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley.

Immediately after the parade, the members gathered at Luna Loca to witness a special presentation. **We presented two etched glass plaques to Bill Green and Mike Martin** in recognition of their achievement by making Viet Nam history presentations to more than 100,000 students. The location and timing were chosen so that we were able to include Mike Martin who flew in from Houston, Texas to participate in the parade.

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
LARGE ENTHUSIASTIC
CROWD**



SPEAKER for the AUGUST 3RD MEETING, PAT LEARY will discuss



his experience with the Friends of Vihn Son orphanage that serves Montagnard Families in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

In a separate matter, the VNVDV Board voted to donate \$500 toward a veteran's tent for the Delta Standdown in September.

Please remember to mark your calendars for **Monday, August 21** which is the **Gianni's Restaurant "Tips for Change"** event in San Ramon. A portion of all receipts for meals in the restaurant or for take-out will go to support the Veterans Memorial Building which is shared by our group and nine other veterans organizations. Plan to stop by and have a delicious Italian Dinner while surrounded by a building filled with fellow veterans.

A reminder: Our next **Dinner Meeting is on August 3rd**. It is important that we maintain attendance at the monthly Dinners. A number of our members travel during the summer so it is even more important that you make a special effort to join us at the dinner.

We are committed to having a minimum of 50 people at the dinner to avoid a financial penalty. Please try to make a point of participating at this gathering of fellow veterans.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the Gianni's fund raiser on August 21st.

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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 4th of July 2023 Parade Color Guard



JULY 2023 VNVDV DINNER MEETING - GREAT ATTENDANCE CONTINUES



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE 2023



Bill Green and Mike Martin honored for their presentations to more than 100,000 students



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Mike Martin	Navy	Doyle Sivils	Army
Gary Sponseller	Army	Trey Blum	Marine

Thanks to the July speaker **Danville Chief of Police ALLAN SHIELDS** for his presentation on his experiences developing a relationship between the Police Department and the Citizens of Danville.



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, August 14 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Veterans Dealing with Sleep Issues"

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Patrick Leary

FVSO PRESIDENT AND LIFE MEMBER OF WVDF



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TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

at GIANNI'S for the Fundraising Dinner
benefitting the
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY



Please join us at Gianni's Italian Bistro on **Monday August 21st** for a Great Italian Dinner, inspiring conversation and heart-warming camaraderie, all while being served by a wait staff comprised of our own Blue Star Moms and members of the Operating Committee.

This is our only fundraising event for the year, and our only chance to fund our programs, events and our military museum.

***"TIPS FOR CHANGE" EVENT
MONDAY AUGUST 21, 2023***

Gianni's
ITALIAN BISTRO

Dine-in or Take-out between 4:30 and 7:30

*Gianni's Italian Bistro
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5 Year Transition Plan-VNVDV

May 1, 2023

OBJECTIVE: Plan for an orderly transition of VNVDV organization and activities as age and medical issues impact member's abilities to maintain current levels of activity.

TRANSITION PLAN: The general transition plan is to change our legal status from the current IRS 501 (c19) organization to a strictly social organization of Vietnam Veterans.

TIMING OF CHANGE: The transition to a social organization does not have a specific date. It will occur when we no longer have enough volunteers to conduct fundraising activities; manage the administrative activities of the group; and provide the manpower for public events such as Memorial Day gatherings or Parades.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The IRS rules require that a nonprofit organization must transfer all remaining assets to another nonprofit organization at the time of dissolution. No decision is being made at this time, but there is some interest in transferring any remaining funds to the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. The VNVDV Board that is in office at the time of this change will make the decision on what group(s) receive these funds.

MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS: Since the monthly Dinner Meetings are the most widely attended activity by VNVDV members the plan is to continue to conduct these meetings as long as members are willing and able to attend. A recent poll of the members indicated that the majority prefer to continue meeting at an evening event. That, however, could change in the near future as more members find it difficult to drive at night and the meeting could move to a lunch time event. As it becomes more difficult to meet the minimum attendance requirements of catered venues, we may move to a conventional restaurant with a group room that has no fixed rental charge.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS: Our operating funds currently come from two sources: Crab Feed and the Walk of Honor. Both events are at risk in the near future. The Crab Feed requires a great deal of manpower, especially in the solicitation and management of donations. New Volunteers are not stepping up in the numbers that are needed to make this event worthwhile in the coming years. The Walk of Honor depends on the manpower and financial support of Phillips 66 which is a publicly traded corporation. Corporations can change their priorities quickly based on market conditions and their support can shift to some other community project on short notice. Also, we are in need of New Volunteers to make this event successful.

COMMUNITY MANPOWER SUPPORT: We need large numbers of Volunteers for public events such as Parades, Memorial Day events, Veterans Day events etc. The average age of our members is currently 78 1/2 years old. Will you still be willing to carry a flag for one or two miles in two years or four years?

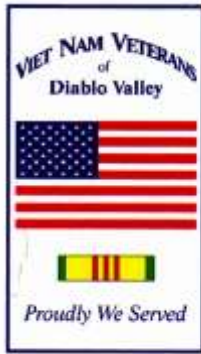
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT: We support various community groups financially, such as Blue Star Moms, Wheelchair Foundation, Sentinels of Freedom, Veterans Service Office, etc. The funds we disperse depend on the funds we raise. As our fundraising ability diminishes, our disbursements will also have to shrink.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: This program is off to a great start and we would like to keep it going as a "Legacy" project. We will consider making a contribution to some type of trust to provide funds for the future depending on the advice of an attorney.

TRANSITION TO YOUNGER VETS: Attempts have been made to attract younger Veterans, but without much success. They find it hard to relate to us and don't see a connection between Iraq and Vietnam. We are working actively to develop a stronger Veterans Group at Diablo Valley College and will continue to do this while we still have some funds to support them.

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

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



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VNVDV Hats and Shirts available at monthly meetings

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

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

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

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

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors our VietNam War Veteran Members

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

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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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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
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"VETERAN VOICES" THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

"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!*

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DINNER MEETING AUGUST 3RD,
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

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