

INCOMING NEWS











FEB 2023

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2023 is off to a good start with great attendance at the January Dinner Meeting. Our biggest priority now is ensuring that the Crab Feed is a success, since it is the first of our two annual fundraisers. The biggest hurdle has been overcome, namely we have been guaranteed a tasty supply of Fresh Crab! Jim Murphy and Jim Hill have been busy collecting donations for the raffles and auctions at this event. They can still use a few more, so give them a hand and contribute at least one item for this event.

The February 2nd Dinner meeting is the point in time where tickets for the **Crab Feed** normally sell out. As I am writing this message, I understand that there are still some tickets left. They will probably be sold out during our Dinner Meeting, so if you and a friend want to enjoy a great afternoon feasting on appetizers, Fresh Crab, winning some raffle prizes and watching a great Football Game **order your tickets now**. Email SLATTS at **Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com** right now!

2023 VNVDV Crab Feed

Sunday - Feb. 12th

"Donations Needed"

For the Feb. 12 Crab Feed donations don't fall from the sky. For this 2023 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

ADDITIONAL DONATION INFO IN THE NEWSLETTER

SPEAKER for the FEBRUARY 2ND DINNER



MEETING KELLY McHUGH will discuss his service in the U.S. Army as a helicopter gunship pilot in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969 and his novel "Firebirds God's Own Lunatics"

I am also happy to report that we are making good progress on developing a 5 Year Transition Plan for VNVDV. At the latest Board Meeting Six Working Committees were set up with leaders responsible to research the future of each area of our organization. The following are the Committees and the heads of each Committee:

1.MONTHLY MEMBER MEETINGS-Steven Burchik & Eric Ardell. Objective-Evaluate location and timing.

2.FUNDRAISING PROJECTS-Jim Hill. Objective-Develop a viability and revenue forecast.

3.COMMUNITY MANPOWER SUPPORT-John Reese & John "TJ" Trujillo. Objective-Develop manpower projections for Parades, Color Guards, etc.

4.COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT-Slatts. Objective-Develop a 5 Year forecast of funds available and how we allocate contributions to community groups.

5.SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-Bill Green & Jim Murphy. Objective-implement and manage a new scholarship program.

6.TRANSITION TO YOUNGER VETS or DIS-BAND-Dennis Giacovelli. Objective-Review alternatives to continuing in the future and define triggers or milestones that will necessitate the need to disband (probably later than 5 years).

These Committees welcome member participation. If you see an area of interest in this list contact the head of the Committee and let them know that you would like to help.

One great piece of news is that the Scholarship Committee has already been working on this project for many months and is announcing the launch of the Spring 2023 Scholarship Program. See the details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

One last reminder: Our next **Dinner Meeting is on February 2nd.** It is important that we maintain attendance at the monthly Dinners.
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 Dinner on February 2nd and the Crab Feed on February 12th.

Steve Burchik
President
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VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY



Sunday Febuaury 12, 2023

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

SAVE | 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:

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

Thank you in advance for your support!





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 Luau" fundraiser and I'm grateful for your generosity to your fellow veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

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



Date:	
Date.	

DONATION - DONOR RECEIPT

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The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hannual charity fund-raiser. We are a non-profit orga or services in exchange for your donation. We sincer annual fund raising event.	nization and the VNVDV provided no goods
Your Donation Details	\$ - Value
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The money raised through our 2023 Charity Fundra duty military & community-service programs and ev supports throughout the year. Thank you again for y	ents the VNVDV conducts and proudly
Sincerely,	
2022 Auction Coordinator Auction Donation Committee 2022 Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley	
VNVDV Contact: Jim Murphy - Telephone: (925) 858-261	3 - E-mail: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

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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 veteran's organization / corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from federal (IRC 501c)







MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Please join us as we honor our local heroes during Military Appreciation Night at The Nest. Admission to the games is FREE for veterans, reservists, active duty, and military family members.

Scan the QR Code to reserve your seat(s) TODAY!

WED, FEB 8TH 2023











WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

5:00 PM PST Las Positas College Gym Building 2500

For more information!

Call 925.424.1570
Virtual Veterans Welcome Center
Meeting ID: 885 1925 8951 (passcode: veterans)
www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans











VA PALO ALTO

MEDICAL CARE OUTREACH



- February 8th
- March 8th
- April 12th
- May 10th

Las Positas College 9am-1pm Parking Lot B

Veterans Virtual Welcome Desk Zoom Meeting ID: 885 1925 89521 (passcode: veterans) Contact Us (925)424-1570

VETERANS FIRST

JANUARY 2023 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Program Structure/guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

- child/grandchild of VNVDV paid member
 - · One time issue
- HS Senior and/or current college student

REQUIRED

- · School transcripts
- Letter of acceptance or enrollment confirmation to
 2 or 4 year college/university or accredited trade school
 - "American Veteran" theme based Essay



For more information and/or submissions please contact:

Jim Murphy - 925 858-2618 • jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Bill Green - 925 683-3293 • billgreen@aol.com

Community Friends & Supporters...
Help us celebrate again and enjoy our annual combined

Veterans Service Organization

CORNED 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 PROPLE, SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES

TICKETS AVALIABLE IN JANUARY



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Russ Kennedy Air Force Alex Giouis Army

Alvin Webb Navy Eric Ardell Navy

Harold Griggs Army Tom Corbett Marine

Bob Musor Army Jim Kuhn Air Force

Ray Hill Air Force Pete Garcia Navy

Dick Harrow Navy Tim Hart Marine

Don Love Marine Jim Hardy Army

Mike Speakman Navy Dave Brown Army

John Rehnberg Air Force Steve Burchik Army

Rudy Rodriquez Navy

Thanks to the January *Leslie Pfeifer* for her presentation on her service with Flying Tiger Airlines as well as the history of the Flying Tigers.









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

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Passing along this message from the **United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration**

We need your help! We are producing a video montage to be shown during Welcome Home! If you are a Vietnam veteran (U.S. veteran who served on active duty at any time during November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, regardless of location), email your headshot (preferred) or close-up Vietnam period photo with at least 300 dpi resolution, along with your name, the Service Branch and years served (see sample). For consideration, send one JPG photo to us at whs.vnwar50th@mail.mil with this corresponding information and subject line "Welcome Home Video Montage" by February 24.

Raymond M. Powell, Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) 2021 Fellow, Distinguished Careers Institute Stanford University (510) 931-0917

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Friends of Vinh Son Orphanage (FVSO) Kontum, Vietnam

Donations are tax deductible with 100% going to the kids, providing support for over 700 Montagnard children who live in 7 Vinh Son orphanages in the Kontum/Pleiku area of Vietnam. For over 20 years, FVSO donors have supplied food and medicine, dental care, education, clean water, housing and more.

Patrick Leary
FVSO PRESIDENT AND VVDV LIFE MEMBER





TO DONATE OR CONTACT FVSO

Website
FriendsofVSO.org
Email
FriendsofVSO@gmail.com
Address
FVSO. P.O. Box 9322
Auburn, CA 95604-9322



PAT LEARY

VNVDV LIFE MEMBER

FVSO PRESIDENT

OFFERS INFORMATION

ON THIS WORTHWHILE

ORGANIZATION

FOR YOUR CONDERATION

JANUARY 2023 DOCENT RECOGNITION BREAKFAST



Please consider volunteering for the Docent Program.

Contact Slatts: Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

JOIN VETERANS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS 9-12 FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING HARTZ AND PROSPECT, DANVILLE



Join us at the

ZOOM SERVICE CLUB



We are testing a New ZOOM Call where VNVDV Members can join in and talk with fellow members at a Virtual Bar in our ZOOM SERVICE CLUB.

- -No formal Agenda. Only one Hour long.
- -Just pour your favorite drink at home and join in.
- -Talk with fellow Veterans in distant cities.

NEXT ZOOM MEETING is Thursday, FEB 9 at 7:00 PM PST





Next Show: Monday, February 13 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Military Black History"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: veteransvoices1



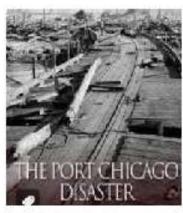
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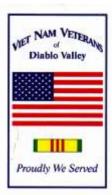


Red Ball Express



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



the Globe with Friendship

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"

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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 - <u>Call the County VSO Office for Assistance</u> - call 925 / 313-1481 for Appt.

All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: <u>www.AllWarsMemorial.org</u>

Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: <u>www.MarineClub.com</u>

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

SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS "DROP-OFF" LOCATIONS









U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Martinez Primary Care Clinic

150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553 Advice Nurse-Appointment Line 800-382-8387 Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line 866-600-8279 Martinez, CA 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATHI

Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez

- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your FLU shot - available to all Veteransi Don't Walth

VA is now offering Flu

lots at the Martinez Cl

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.

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



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

facebook

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

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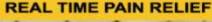
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"VETERAN VOICES" on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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









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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 FEBRUARY 2ND, 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!

