

INCOMING NEWS











JAN 2023





Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Going Fast! Got Yours?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a New Year with your fellow Viet Nam veterans. I hope everyone had a great holiday season with an opportunity to share time with family and friends. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as the new President for VNVDV.

I have been speaking with various members of the Board regarding priorities for the coming year. There were a number of thoughts about different issues that affect our members, but there were two that stood out based on health and mobility issues. At this point we are planning to adopt these issues as objectives for 2023. One or two other objectives may be added in the coming months, but we will start with these.

1. Develop and Implement a 5 Year Transition Plan for

VNVDV. This will encompass a variety of areas. Some of the elements of this plan will include: Location and Timing of Monthly Meetings; Review of each Fund-Raising Project; Review of each Community Project (Parades, Color Guards, etc.); Funding & Donations to external organizations; Veteran Manpower available for supporting Events;

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.





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jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

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ADDITIONAL DONATION INFO IN THE NEWSLETTER

SPEAKER for the JANUARY 5TH DINNER



MEETING LESLIE PFEIFER will be discussing her experiences as a Flight Attendant with the Flying Tiger Line during the Vietnam War and the history of the Flying

Tigers during the Sino-Japanese War and WWII.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

Steps to Disband or Transition to a younger veteran's organization. Some of these areas will probably extend beyond the 5 Year horizon (such as disbanding), but many of the steps will need to be started in the near-term months and years. Our timeline target is to have a detailed plan to present to the membership for discussion by May of 2023.

2.Implement a VNVDV Scholarship
Program during Spring 2023. This program
has already started during Dennis Giacovelli's term
as President and is being managed by the Committee headed by Bill Green and Jim Murphy. We are
looking forward to announcing the first round of
Scholarship Winners in April or May of 2023.

There are a number of traditional projects that will continue in the new year and the first among them is the CRAB FEED set for SUNDAY, FEBRU-**ARY 12.** The committee has already been working on this event for several months and it now moves into high gear. Jim Murphy needs your support with donations of Raffle Prizes. Plan to visit your favorite Restaurant or Merchant and ask for a donation. If you don't have the time to do this, then purchase a Gift Card and pass it on to Jim. This is a major fundraiser for VNVDV and we need your participation with Raffle Donations and the purchase of tickets for this event. The Crab Feed is one of the Key Projects referred to in the Transition Plan. If we are not able to support it with prizes and ticket sales, we may not be able to fund other activities. Most of us enjoy eating delicious crab with friends, so let's have a sellout crowd for this event.

One last reminder: Our **first Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, January 5th.** 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 January 5th and the Crab Feed on February 12th.

Steve Burchik
President
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VNVDV AWARDS DINNER DECEMBER 1st, 2022



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JON ROBBINS

CO-RECIPIENTS GARY VILLALBA AWARD



LEFT TO RIGHT:

JIM ORAM - VETERAN OF THE YEAR
DENIS STOGNER—VETERAN OF THE YEAR
SCOTT CARR—VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
STEVE MAZAIKA—VETERAN OF THE YEAR

ALL RECIPIENTS ARE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM THAT MAINTAINS AND TRANSPORTS THE "HUEY" HELIPCOPTER

DECEMBER AWARDS DINNER/GALA AT CCCC

ADDITIONAL AWARDS DURING THE VNVDV RECOGNITON DINNER

VNVDV DONATION TO THE WHEEL CHAIR FOUNDATION

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DECEMBER AWARDS DINNER/GALA AT CCCC



DECEMBER AWARDS DINNER/GALA AT CCCC ADDITIONAL PHOTOS





VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY



Sunday Febuaury 12, 2023

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

SAVE | DATE

More Information to Come!

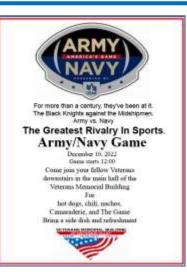
IN THE MEANTIME WE NEED DONATIONS.
PLEASE BE A DONOR OR SPONSOR A DONOR.

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ARMY/NAVY GAME 2022 WAS NOT OVER TILL IT WAS OVER. IN OVERTIME AN ARMY GOAL LINE STAND GENERATED A FUMBLE THAT LED TO THE ARMY GAME WINNING FIELD GOAL.















VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Joseph Roberts Army Ray La Rochelle Navy

Bill Hawkins Army Rich Lee Army

Jerry Carlson Army Gerald Raver Army

Tim Sammons Navy Mike Feddersen USMC

Tom Crews Navy Cary Battersby Army

Thurman McCormick Army

VNVDV MEMBERS CONGATULATE AMIEE HENRY ON HER BIRTHDAY AS THEY JOIN WITH FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO CELEBRATE. PHILLIPS 66 WITH AIMEE'S DIRCTION HAS BEEN A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF VNVDV THROUGH THE "WALK OF HONOR" PROGRAM SALUTING ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS ON ARMED FORCES DAY IN MAY.









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

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2014

THANK YOU FOR HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE NACHHOLE. THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF ANGERCA.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 2014 HOLIDAY SEASON, FOR THESE FAMILIES, A MEMORABLE ONE.







VNVDV, Blue Star Moms and Marathon Oil returned OPERATION SANTA to the First Christian **Church Concord after missing** 2020 and 2021 due to Covid. This **Event assists families of enlisted** active duty personnel in the East Bay.















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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Thank you in advance for your support!





November 1, 2022

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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:	
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DONATION - DONOR RECEIPT

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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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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





Next Show: Monday, January 9 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Veterans and the Environment"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or— Facebook: veteransvoices1



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.

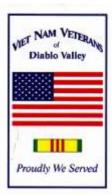
- -No formal Agenda. Only one Hour long.
- -Just pour your favorite drink at home and join in.
- -Talk with fellow Veterans in distant cities.

FIRST ZOOM MEETING is Thursday, JAN 12 at 7:00 PM PST
SEE The NEXT PAGE for LOG IN INFO.



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

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VNVDV Hats and Shirts available at monthly meetings

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

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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

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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

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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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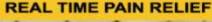
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"VETERAN VOICES" on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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!

PAST PRESIDENTS

Dennis Giacovelli Gary Estrella William "Bill" Green Ray La Rochelle Michael Slattengren

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Established 1991

DINNER MEETING JANUARY 5TH, 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!

