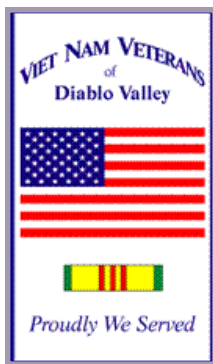


# INCOMING NEWS



MAR 2023

## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley Armed Forces Day ~ the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans

### THANK YOU to our Crab Feed Generous Sponsors & Supporters



Steve Burchik  
VNVDV  
President

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm happy to share the good news that the 2023 Crab Feed was a great success. We had a crowd that filled the Vet's Hall, plenty of Fresh Crab and lots of raffle prizes and auction items. Special thanks go to the hard-working members of the **Crab Feed Committee** who invested many hours of their time to ensure its success. The members include: Slatts, Dennis Giacobelli, Jerry Yahiro, Jon Robbins, John Reese, James Hill, Bill Green, TJ, Patti Kintz, Lee Halverson and Jim Murphy. There were many others that also pitched in, so please understand that this is not a complete list.

We are also continuing to make good progress on the development of a 5 Year Transition Plan for VNVDV. The 6 Working Committees have been proceeding with the steps needed to have a report and recommendation ready for presentation at our May meeting. One

**SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am**  
**Walk of Honor**  
**for our Veterans**

**JOIN US! REGISTER:**  
**SFRWalkofHonor.com**  
 Registration \$40 includes T-shirt & BBQ Lunch  
 Early Bird Registration by 4/30: \$30

Walk the Carquinez Bridge  
 followed by BBQ Luncheon  
 at Crockett Community Center

**SPEAKER for the MARCH 2ND DINNER MEETING WILLIE SHARP** will discuss his service in Naval Aviation to include training, advanced training with supersonic planes and carrier assignment with VF Fighter 191 in Vietnam.



piece of this process is the development of a short survey that each member will receive shortly. It asks a couple of basic questions about your preference for continuing with an evening event for our Monthly Dinner Meeting versus switching to a Lunch Time event. If a change in the meetings does occur, it will not happen until January 2024, since we are operating under a contract with Crow Canyon Country Club that runs through December 2023.

The **Spring Scholarship** season is in full swing. We are now accepting applications from the children and grandchildren of active members. Four scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded at the end of Spring this year. **The deadline for submitting an application is April 15.** Please see Bill Green and Jim Murphy for more details.

The **Walk of Honor** event will be held on **Saturday, May 20.** The route crosses the Carquinez Bridge in Crockett. Early registration is now open. Link to sign up: <https://www.sfrwalkofhonor.com/>

One last reminder: Our next Dinner Meeting is on March 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 March 2nd.

# WALK OF HONOR

FOR OUR



## VETERANS



*Honor Veterans Walk in their Honor at the Phillips 66 WALK of HONOR*

**SAT - May 20, 2023**

REGISTER:

[SFRWALKOFHONOR.COM](https://www.sfrwalkofhonor.com)



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# VA PALO ALTO

## MEDICAL CARE OUTREACH



### *Spring 2023 VA Palo Alto Calendar*

- **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**



# FEBRUARY 2023 VNVDV DINNER MEETING





# Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



## SCHOLARSHIP

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:  
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# VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **MARCH** BIRTHDAYS

Frank Wallace Marine John Baker Navy  
Alex Siddo Marine John Kelly Army  
Patrick McCall Air Force Bob Paulson Army  
Larry McKenzie Army Gary Phipps Navy  
Dennis Petersen Army Skip Lausten Army  
Scott Randle Army

Thanks to the February speaker **Kelly McHugh** for his presentation on his service with the 71st Assault Helicopter Company as a member of the “Firebirds”, Gunships in direct support of Infantry operating in southern I Corps. Kelly is the author of “**Firebirds, God’s Own Lunatics**” a novel based on his Vietnam experience.



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

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Special Thanks to our major sponsor, the Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Association, for their generous donation of crab legs to the Super Sunday Crab Feed. The event was a great success and we were able to provide a delicious meal for all our guests. We are grateful to all our donors and volunteers who made this event possible.

## Special Thanks!

To our major sponsor  
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Patrick Leary  
FVSO PRESIDENT AND VNVDV LIFE MEMBER



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# WALK OF HONOR 2023

2023

## WALK INFORMATION



### 2023 Walk of Honor for Our Veterans Planning Committee

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 Sylvia Villa-Serrano, Bay Front Chamber of Commerce

### Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans. This year the "Walk of Honor" will be in-person on May 20, 2023.

Last year's event was a great success raising \$28,000. These funds were evenly distributed to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the Crockett Community Services District.

In the last thirteen years, we have raised and donated in excess of \$475,000. We are working hard to surpass previous years fundraising and participation milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! Thank you for your support in honoring the men and women who have valiantly served our nation.

#### Schedule of Events

8:30 - 9:30 am - Check in at the Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge.

10:00 am - "Walk" begins.

11:45 am - Luncheon Ceremony.

Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a luncheon ceremony. There will also be music by the John Swett High School Band and a raffle.

Please consider volunteering for the Docent Program.

Contact Slatts: [Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com](mailto:Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com)

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

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING HARTZ AND PROSPECT, DANVILLE







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

Show Topic: **“Triggers-Reminders of the Past”**

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**

Featuring comments from some of our local Vets:

Mike Mundle

Patrick Leary

Slatts

Michelle Lee

Devin Washoe

Mark Heinemann

Dennis Giacobelli



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.

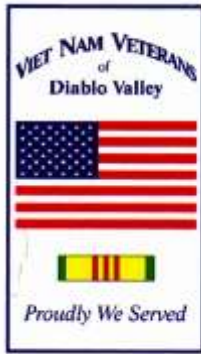
**NEXT ZOOM MEETING is Thursday, MAR 9 at 7:00 PM PST**





**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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**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](http://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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)  
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VNVDV website to see more about the [Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley](#) at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)

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**Visit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.**

## "VETERAN VOICES" THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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**TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR  
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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](http://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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