

INCOMING NEWS



MAY 2023

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Armed Forces Day ~ the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans

VNVDV MAY 4TH DINNER MEETING

CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB



Steve Burchik
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had one of the best attendance records for the **April Dinner Meeting with more than 60 people** showing up for a great dinner. Special thanks go to Fred Granados for getting a great Speaker for this event, one of our own-**Steve Mazaika**, who provided a detailed summary of our acquisition for the rights to maintain & exhibit the Huey Helicopter. The Huey is clearly one of the key symbols of our participation in the Vietnam conflict.

(NOTE: While we appreciate the presentations by non-members who provide valuable and interesting information at our meetings, we still prefer hearing from our own members. Many of you have shared your experience as the **Speaker at our dinner meetings**. There are also a number who have not. **Please consider this as a formal request to step forward to share your story.** We have resources available to scan your old photos or clippings and use them with our projector. You don't have to write a detailed speech. Just tell us which pictures to use and arrange them in chronological sequence. Then you simply describe what is going on in each photo).

SATURDAY, MAY 20th
 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 MAY 4TH DINNER MEETING CHUCK KOHLER will discuss his experiences on December 7, 1941 while stationed on Ford Island during the attack on Pearl Harbor. **DO NOT MISS**



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We are also continuing to make good progress on the development of the 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.

Your VNVDV Board of Directors met on April 20 to review and finalize the **5 Year Transition Plan**. The results of this plan will be presented at the May Dinner Meeting. Be sure to attend to see the roadmap for our organization.

Bill Green and Jim Murphy have some great news to report on this year's Scholarship Program. Once again be sure to attend the May Dinner Meeting to find out how many \$1,000 Scholarships are being awarded and who the winners are.

The Walk of Honor event will be held on **Saturday, May 20**. The route crosses the Carquinez Bridge in Crockett. Registration is now open. Just go to this Link to sign up:

<https://www.sfrwalkofhonor.com/>

(NOTE: The registration fee is \$40. This includes a T-Shirt and Lunch).

Viet Nam Veteran Volunteers are needed to support the Memorial Day remembrance at Oak Hill Park in Danville. Contact Slatts if you wish to carry a Flag. This event starts at 10 AM on Monday, May 29th. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

A reminder: Our next Dinner Meeting is on May 4. 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 May 4th.

Steve Burchik
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WALK OF HONOR

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

SAT - May 20, 2023

REGISTER:

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The Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor" benefits the Crockett Community Foundation enhancement of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building & VNVDV community programs for veterans & currently serving

Saturday - MAY 20th

Register for WALK online at:
<https://SFRWalkofHonor.com>

Walkers... great exercise - a short & enjoyable "Walk" across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge in Crockett followed by a delicious BBQ luncheon. Check-in time from 8AM until 9:30AM at Crockett Community Center. "Walk" begins at 10AM. 2023 Shirts - Lunch included with registration + Veterans Information Fair & more! Join us **SAT. May 20th in Crockett.** Register NOW on-line i— **\$30.** per walker - with 100% going to support our military serving & our veterans & the community. Join Us for a great morning & lunch!

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Schedule of Events

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Many local veterans service organizations and providers will be listed on our website to share information regarding their services.

100% of all contributions will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNV DV) and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD).

The VNV DV is dedicated to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.

For questions, contact:
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Presenting Sponsor \$5,000

Includes 20 complimentary "Walk" registrations, premiere recognition in all promotional materials, company logo on event shirt.

Gold Sponsor \$2,500

Includes 15 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials including event shirt.

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

Includes 10 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials and event shirt.

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Includes 5 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials and event shirt.

Star Sponsor \$250

Includes 2 complimentary "Walk" registrations, recognition in all promotional materials.

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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

APR 2023 VNVDV DINNER MEETING - GREAT ATTENDANCE AGAIN



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **MAY** BIRTHDAYS

Bob Moore - Army

Jim Morrill - Navy

Dennis Stogner - Army

Gene Ghio - Army

Jim Oram - Army

Skip George - Army

Alan Kalin - Army

Mike Houston - Air Force

Mike Hampton - Navy

Chris Mezzapelle - Air Force

Mike Stalcup - Army

Ron Azarcon - Air Force

Steve Mick - Navy

Esteban Ramirez - Army

Mark Connors - Air Force

Shelley Hansen - Navy

John Domde - Army

John Cahill - Army

Lynn Snyder - Air Force

Paul Derby—Navy

Marcia Estrella

Thanks to the April speaker **Steve Mazaika** for his for his discussion of the origin and restoration of the “Static Huey”.



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

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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, MAY 11 AT 7:00 PM PDT



Please attend the 2023 Swearing-In Ceremony **Sunday May 21** to recognize graduating High School seniors who are entering military service or the Academies. **Danville Library, Front Street at 1 PM**

Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley

Is proud to present the 2023
Recruit Recognition
and
Swearing-in Ceremony



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

MONDAY MAY 29, 2022

OAK HILL PARK 3005 STONE VALLEY ROAD

DANVILLE

SET-UP 8:30 - MUSIC 10:00 AM - PROGRAM
11:00

SPEAKER: JIM TAYLOR, VNVDV MEMBER
MOH RECIPIENT





Next Show: Monday, May 8 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: **"Veterans and Higher Education"**

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**



WALK OF HONOR 2023

2023

WALK INFORMATION



2023 Walk of Honor for Our Veterans Planning Committee

Steve Barchile, Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
 Eric Martin Keltner, PTS Advance
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Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

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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.

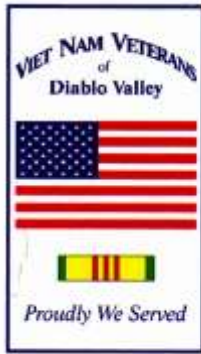
Please consider volunteering for the Docent Program.
Contact Slatts: Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

JOIN VETERANS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS 9-12 FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING HARTZ AND PROSPECT, DANVILLE



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



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



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Looking for a unique BIRTHDAY Gift? 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 - 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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800-382-8387
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866-600-8279
Martinez, CA. 94553

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FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez
- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!

VA is now offering Flu shots at the Martinez Clinic

**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.

"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

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

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A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

Join us live on the 2nd Monday of each month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans.

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7:00 PM CCTV, Hosted by the Veterans Service Office Contra Costa County

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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!*

DINNER MEETING MAY 4TH,
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!**

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- Gary Estrella
- William "Bill" Green
- Ray La Rochelle
- Michael Slattengren
- Jerry Yahiro
- John Estes
- Del Loewe
- Tim Hart
- Mike Weber
- Mike McDaniel
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