

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HILL VNVDV President

Can you believe it is February 2024 already? Our biggest priority now is ensuring the Crab Feed and Auction event (that is less than 2 weeks away) on February 11th is a resounding success!

The most important hurdle has been overcome. We have been guaranteed a tasty supply of Fresh Crab!

Jim Murphy and his support group, that is composed of many of our members of this fine organization, have been busy collecting donations for the raffle and auction. We can still use a few more, so let's give them a hand and contribute at least one item for this event.

Beginning September 2023, Slatts and his committee have conducted monthly meetings, now weekly meetings, planning every detail. As a result this event has been vetted, coordinated, and finally ready for the implementation stage.

The February first dinner meeting is the point where tickets for the Crab Feed normally sell out. As I am writing this message. I understand that there are most likely some tickets left. They will probably be sold out during the 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. Email SLATTS at: slatten-

gren.vndvd@gmail.com (925)- 216-7139 right now! Make your reservations and payment can be mailed to: VNVDV, PO Box 2079, Danville, CA 94526.

2024 VNVDV Crab Feed

Sunday - Feb. 11th "Help Sell Tickets"

"Donations Needed"

For the Feb. 11 Crab Feed donations don't fall from the sky. For this 2024 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 1ST DINNER MEETING Steve Frew - VNVDV Member -



Steve was in the Navy and served on the USS Hancock. After leaving the service Steve was involved in Law Enforcement and this evening he will speak on Emergency Preparation.

Last week I met with Steve Burchik and his lovely wife, Christina at their home. As vou may be aware Steve has been dealing with a medical issue. He has been focusing his energies to resolving this matter. As our 2023 President he did an exemplary job guiding our organization through a very successful year. Steve may not be able to attend this meeting, so I chose to proceed in presenting him with a gift on behalf of the VNVDV recognizing his care, concern and leadership for 2023. Please see the photos. During Steve's tour in Viet Nam he was a Company Forward Observer. In civilian life he often sailed in the San Francisco Bay. He even instructed sailing of small crafts from the Berkeley Marina. He received a compass and a sextant. Steve was appreciative and overwhelmed with the gifts, and cannot wait to get on the Bay and use both instruments. The next time you see Steve please thank him for his services as last years' President.



One last reminder: Our next **Dinner Meeting is on February 1st**. 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 financial penalty. Please try and make a point of participating at these gatherings of fellow veterans.

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Jim Hill President PH (510) 410-1040 jamauihill@yahoo.com





VNVDV 2024 CRAB FEED A GREAT EVENT A GREAT ORGANIZATION



Sunday February 11, 2024 Fresh Cracked Crab • Silent Auction • Beer & Wine Bar

VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

Annual Crab Feed & Auction

Fresh Cracked Crab • Silent Auction • Beer & Wine Bar Ticket sales are limited - buy your tickets early • Doors open at 1:00 PM

San Ramon Valley Veterans Memorial Building - 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526



To Purchase Tickets Contact: Michael Slattengren (Slatts) Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

MAIL PAYMENT CHECK TO: VNVDV, PO BOX 2079, DANVILLE, CA 94526

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:

Jim Murphy – Tel: 925 858-2618 EM: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

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

Thank you in advance for your support!





Dear VNVDV member,

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their "Crab Feed & Silent Auction" annual fundraiser, and respectfully request your help and support for this event. Our event will take place on Sunday February 11, 2024 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 140 people, cost is \$85.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Michael Slattengren at (925) 216-7139 or Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com.

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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	The Blue Star Moms
Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park	The Sentinels of Freedom
Danville's 4 th of July Parade	GWOT Young Veterans Retreat
Danville Veteran's Day Program	The East Bay Stand Down
The VNVDV School Speaker's Bureau	The Wheelchair Foundation
The Holiday Gift Drive	Operation Santa Claus

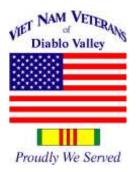
As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley I respectfully request your support for this event, I am asking you to reach out to friends, associates and family member's for donations in support of our silent auction. All donations received will be identified with the donor's name. All donors 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 "Crab Feed & Silent Auction" fundraiser and I'm grateful for your generosity to your fellow veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jin Hill, President

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Dear VNVDV supporter,

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their "Annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction fundraiser, and respectfully request a silent auction donation to support this fundraising event. Our event will take place on February 11, 2024

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For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, or how you can contribute and donate please visit our website or e-mail us at the address below.

I look forward to you joining us in support of our annual charity fundraiser and I'm grateful for your generosity to our local veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

Sincerely, Silent Auction Coordinator Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Date:

DONATION - DONOR RECEIPT

То: _____

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. We are a non-profit organization and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual fund raising event.

Your Donation Details	\$ - Value

The money raised through our 2024 Charity Fundraiser, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. Thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

2024 Auction Coordinator Auction Donation Committee 2024 Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Contact: Jim Murphy - Telephone: (925) 858-2618 - E-mail: <u>iimmurphycreative@vahoo.com</u> VNVDV Contact: Jim Hill - Telephone: (510) 410-1040 - E-mail: jamauihill@yahoo.com

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SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024 FUNDRAISER FOR THE VNVDV WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION TRIP NOVEMBER 2024



- Save the Date -Wheelchair Foundation's Wheel and Grace for Vietnam

Date

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

Time

5:00 - 11:00 PM

Location

Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle - Danville, CA 94506

For all those participating in this years' Wheel and Grace event you will be eligible to join the November 2024 wheelchair distribution to Vietnam with the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley

> For more information, please call Jeff Behring at: 925-890-9883

or email jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org



The Individual Donation for the Wheelchair Fundraiser is \$300. Please note that two tables of 10 (20 people total) have been co-sponsored so that each attendee at these two tables will pay \$150 per attendee. The 20 Invitations are at the VMB in Danville. Please contact Jon Robbins, 925-997-9074, jonathanrobbins@hotmail.com or John Reese, 925-323-4462, vnvdv@outlook.com for reservations. **Reservations are required prior to January 31, 2024**







Wheelchair Foundation Charity Ball Wheel and Grace 2024



Wheelchair Foundation Wheel And Grace 2024 -Wheelchairs For Vietnam

FEB 17, 2024 / 5:00 PM Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir, Blackhawk, CA, 94506 The pleasure of your company is requested at the VIETNAM: WHEEL & GRACE 2024 FUNDRAISING GALA SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024



INDIVIDUAL LEVEL TICKETS \$300 PURCHASE TICKETS: https://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/event/vietnam-wheel-grace-2024-fundraising-gala/

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024

Fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial Building

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Good Food. Good people, Good time

Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffle

All funds collected go directly to the VMB Operating Committee to pay for the operating expenses 8 activities produced by the Veterans

VETERANS

MEMORIAL BUILDING Saturday March 16, 2024 Doors open at 5:00 PM Veterans Memorial Building 400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA

JANUARY 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY FEB BIRTHDAYS

Russ Kennedy	Air Force	Alex Gloulis	Army	
AlvinWebb	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 Speaker Josh Zebley, Director Veterans Service, Contra Costa County, for updating the Services and Benefits offered by his office and Staff



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Joshua Zebley-Contra Costa County

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."



SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS "DROP-OFF" LOCATIONS



