

INCOMING NEWS



SEP 2021

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley SEPTEMBER 2ND MONTHLY MEETING AT CROW CANYON FEATURES ZOOM ACCESS

**SATURDAY SEP. 4TH IS RESCHEDULED OF
JULY 4TH DANVILLE PARADE**



Dennis Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am truly looking forward to our first in-person dinner meeting on September 2nd. It has been over a year and a half since we have been together. A lot has happened to each of us in that time and I want to spend the time to find out from all of you what you have been up to.

The meeting will be a bit different as it will be a sit-down, same as our yearly Christmas Dinner. Also, we will not be passing the microphone around for introductions, so bring your "outside voice".

We will not be abandoning our remote members now that we are back to the club. We will still be using Zoom meetings and are working to make those at home feel as if they are there. **ZOOM CONNECTION LINK IS IN THE INCOMING COVER LETTER.**

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

VIRTUAL MEETING AUG 5TH



SEPTEMBER MEETING SPEAKER

NATHAN JOHNSON
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER



Nathan will update VNVDV Members on Veterans Programs that developed during the Covid Virus response as well as AGENT ORANGE Policy changes.

As we cautiously start opening up, here are some events you might want to try attending:

September 4th, this Saturday, we will be taking part in the re-scheduled 4th of July Parade. Jerry will have more on this later. Please come, carry a flag, banner or hand out flags. We will have the Huey in the parade.

After the parade the VFW will be having a BBQ at the Veterans Building hours 10-12 am +/- you are all welcome to attend.

9/11 Ceremony, 4:30 to 5:30 at Oak Hill Park. And yes, it is on Saturday, September 11th. This is the 20th remembrance of the attacks on this country.

We now are open at the Veterans Memorial Building. **The concern is there are not enough DOCENTS to keep it that way.** If we do not enlist more people to fulfill this rewarding opportunity, we will be forced to cut the days or hours of operation. Please consider volunteering for a morning or afternoon shift once or twice a month.

See you all soon. I can't wait.
Stay safe and healthy
Dennis

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Crow Canyon Country Club monthly meetings return **September 2, 2021.** It has been a year and a half since we were able to gather together so look at your calendars and make note of the VNVDV return to dinner with friends. Starting in September the meal cost will be \$30. As stated in the President's message **RESERVATIONS** will be required. Contact info. Call or E-mail Mike Slattengren **(925) 216-7139, slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com**

Pictures from Sep. 2019, Dinner.



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH
OAK HILL PARK, DANVILLE 4:30

20TH REMEMBRANCE

9/11

KEYNOTE MAJOR YUERS
HONOR FIRE, POLICE & MILITARY



SATURDAY

9/11/21 4:30-5:30 OAK HILL PARK



MONTE VISTA CHOIR
HONOR GUARD
SCOUT FLAG ARRAY
STUDENT ESSAY

PRESENTED BY SRV EXCHANGE

Questions
925-998-8865



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY THE FOURTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021



680 NORTH OR SOUTH EXIT EL CERRO WEST. DANVILLE BLVD ONLY RIGHT TURN ALLOWED. LEFT DEL AMIGO TO LEFT VERONA TO LEFT LOVE LANE TO HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT UNDER SOLAR PANELS.

PARADE START 0900 MUSTER 0800.

VNVDV WHITE COLLARED JERSEY SHIRT, DARK SLACKS OR SHORTS, WHITE VNVDV CAP.

FLAGS TO HAND OUT TO SPECTATORS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

VNVDV **SEPTEMBER** BIRTHDAYS

Fred Granados Army
 Don Loeffler Army
 Dave Smith Army
 Bart Gilbert Army
 John Sullivan Air Force
 Michael Hurder Army
 Dennis Nead Marine

Nathan Greene Air Force
 George Coughlin Army
 Steve McCrerry Marine
 John McPartland Army
 Julian Mathews Navy
 Dennis Nead Marine
 Robert Miller Navy
 Bill Tharp Army

Thanks to SGM Dan Sebby, August Speaker, for his presentation on California during WWII.



The Gathering Storm

- California National Guard Mobilized
 - 40th Infantry Division: Camp San Luis Obispo
 - 251st Coast Artillery Regiment: Camp Seaside, deployed to Camp Malakone, TH
 - 250th Coast Artillery Regiment: Camp McQuaide
 - 40th Tank Company, Fort Stotenburg, PI
 - 144th Field Artillery Regiment: Fort Lewis
- California forms the State Guard to replace National Guard. Consists of ground, air and naval elements.

Industrialization of California



THE BLUE STAR MOMS, CHAPTER 20 AND CHAPTER 101 HAVE DEVELOPED A PROGRAM TO HONOR FALLEN VETERANS. MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO BE LOCATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE VETERAN. EACH MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED WITH A CEREMONY THAT PERMITS THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LOSS. VNVDV SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM AND ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR SSG DANIEL SCHEILE AND SGT JOHN ARAGON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4TH AT ANTIOCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESCHEDULE DATE WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER.



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

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Show Topic: "20th Anniversary 9/11 "

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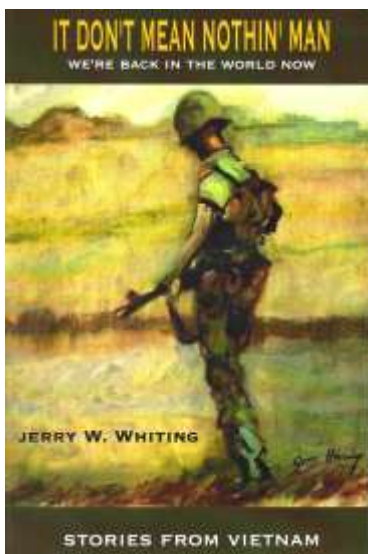


President Announces Nomination Committee for 2022 Officers & Directors!

President **Dennis Giacobelli** selected our 2021/2022 Nomination Committee. Gary selected the very experienced Past President **Rich Lambert** Chair to include additional VNVDV Past President to seek out new & future leaders & potential Board Members & Committee Chairs. President Estrella selected Past President **Mike Weber**. We encourage all VNVDV members to find out more about the organization and the various positions available. VOLUNTEERING in a leadership position can be

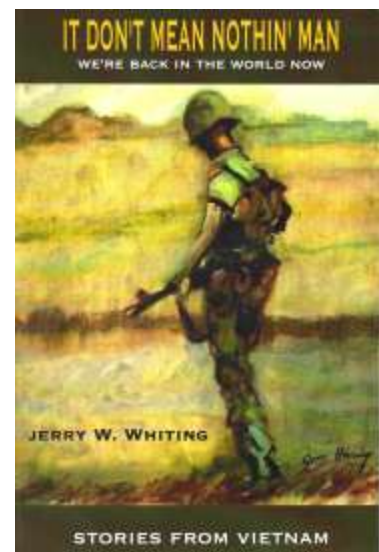
EXTREAMNLY REWARDING PERSONALLY! Find out **more... if you have any questions about any position or the duties** of any Board Positions please contact Rich or Mike. Elections are held at our Annual Meeting in the month of November by Ballot.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



**JERRY WHITING's
new book about VNVDV**

**"It don't Mean Nothin' Man
We're back in the world now"**



TURN BACK THE CLOCK 35 YEARS FOR THE LATEST MOVIE SELECTION

Movie Review by:
FORWARD OBSERVER



“PLATOON”

Not a new movie, but clearly a classic in the genre of military movies, especially relating to the Vietnam conflict. Yes it is violent. Yes it has disturbing scenes. Yes it exaggerates the conflict between fellow soldiers, but the war was violent and affected everyone who spent time there. Oliver Stone released this movie in 1986. He had real combat experience, having served with the 25th Infantry Division.

The one scene that stands out for accuracy for this reviewer is the night ambush where the platoon sets up along a trail and spends the night waiting for the enemy to move past this location. The contrast between the silent, dark night, followed by the sound and light of explosions, rounds and screams still reverberates through to this day. Even on nights when nothing happened we took turns resting in tentative sleep patterns not knowing if we'd make it to the morning.

It is important to remember that this is a movie, not a documentary, so the director should receive credit for bringing a realistic depiction to the screen. Bottom line: An excellent film.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON.



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Be your REAL ID self by **May 3, 2023**

ARE YOU READY?

REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS MAY 3, 2023

The deadline was moved to May 3, 2023, for the Golden State and the rest of the nation as the coronavirus pandemic lingers on. The pandemic has made it harder for residents to make trips to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, since the agency is still operating in person at a limited capacity.



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COVID-19 Antibody Testing

All donations are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies could provide convalescent plasma for critically ill coronavirus patients.

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REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS MAY 3, 2023



Now is the time to consider a REAL ID!



REAL ID is the next generation of identification recognized across the country.

Starting **October 1, 2020**, you will need a REAL ID, valid passport, or other federally approved form of ID to travel by plane within the U.S. or to access federal facilities and/or military bases.

If you decide not to get a REAL ID, your California driver license or identification card will display the phrase "Federal Limits Apply" while a REAL ID will display a California bear with a star.

DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

Add "VETERAN" to your license!



How to get a REAL ID

To convert your California driver license or identification card renewal to a REAL ID you must visit a field office. Beat the rush by making an appointment early, or check wait times online to visit as a walk-in.

You will need to bring:

1. **Proof of identity** (such as birth certificate, valid U.S. passport, or permanent resident card)
2. **Proof of Social Security number** (SSN card, W-2 or paystub with full SSN)
3. **Proof of CA residency** (2 documents, such as home utility bill, vehicle registration, property tax bill, or mortgage or lease agreement)
4. **Proof of name change** (if the name on your identity document is different than the name on your application)

Find out when, how and the best way to get your REAL ID at REALID.dmv.ca.gov or **1 (800) 777-0133**.

DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

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Learn more at www.choose.va.gov.



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- Get email reminders of upcoming VA medical appointments.



Learn about your health conditions, medications, medical tests, and more at www.veteranshealthlibrary.org.



Reach your VA Care Team over live video with this convenient and time-saving app you can download at [mobile/va.gov/app/va-video-connect](http://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect).

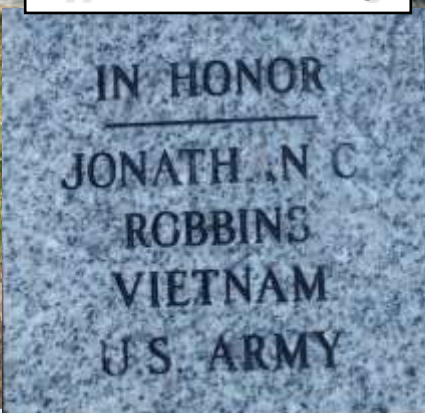
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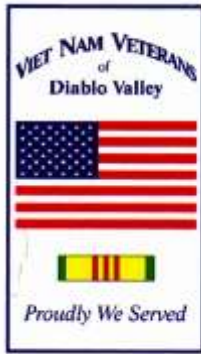
www.AllWarsMemorial.org



Engraving Completed - Visit Oak Hill Park & see new Pavers

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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VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

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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

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All Wars Memorial

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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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**VA is now offering Covid
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**Veterans... Are You Utilizing
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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.

Are You Watching CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" on 2nd Monday?

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

Watch 7pm Mondays  Watch 7pm Mondays

VETERANS' VOICES

A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

Join us live on the 3rd Monday of every month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans. 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.

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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Contra Costa TV is channel 22 on Astoria, channel 27 on Concord, and channel 91 on AT&T U-verse
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

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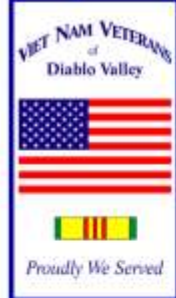
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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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OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

RESUMPTION OF DINNER MEETINGS, SEPTEMBER 2ND 2021

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** **Required!**

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