



INCOMING NEWS



MAY 2022

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley **VNVDV MAY 5TH DINNER MEETING** **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB**

NO ZOOM CONNECTION FOR MAY 5TH MEETING



Dennis Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May is packed with activities. Please plan on attending at least one of these events.

Once again I would like to remind you that the VNVDV's **only** fundraiser this year is the **Walk of Honor** which is on **Saturday May 21st in Crockett**. It is our only chance to raise funds for the rest of the year. Please plan on attending, walking across the bridge, having lunch, or at very least signing up. Did I mention the free tee shirt? If you cannot register on-line, we will have paper application forms at the May 5th meeting. Please bring your checkbook or a check for \$30 made out to **SFR Walk of Honor**. **If you cannot make the walk, please register and pay your \$30, so we can show Phillips 66 that we are invested in their efforts.**

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

SAT - May 21, 2022

Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett.
10:00 am - **"Walk" begins.**
11:45 am - Luncheon Ceremony.



MAY 5TH DINNER MEETING



Speakers Judith "Judy" Petray and Carolyn Wong will present information on the Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.

The next day, Sunday May 22nd is the annual **Swearing-in Ceremony**. I believe this to be the most important activity put on by the Veterans Organizations at the Veterans Memorial Building. It will be held outdoors again this year at the Danville Town Green (in front of the library) at 1:00 PM. Come on out and cheer on our local high school students who are stepping up by enlisting in the military.

And this year's **Memorial Day** ceremony on Monday May 30th, will be back at Oak Hill Park. If you would like to come help us set-up for the event, coffee and donuts at 7:30 and work party at 8:00. All those who help set-up and/or tear down are invited to our picnic after the clean-up. Bring a side to share and beverage of choice.

We are honored to have one of our own members, Medal of Honor recipient, **Jim Taylor**, as a speaker this year. As this is a VNVDV event, please plan on spending time with your fellow veterans in remembering all **U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.**

The Memorial Day event starts with the Danville Community Band playing at 10:30 and the program starting at 11:00.

Stay safe, healthy and see you Thursday May 5th.

Dennis

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WALK OF HONOR

FOR OUR

VETERANS



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SAT - May 21, 2022

Registration available APR 2022

Sfrwalkofhonor.com





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 return to an in-person event walk on May 21st at 10:00 am. Last year's event was held virtually because of the global coronavirus pandemic. Nevertheless, we still raised \$16,000 from the event, and Phillips 66 contributed \$10,000 to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and \$10,000 to the Crockett Community Services District

In the last twelve years we have raised and donated in excess of \$447,000. 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.

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.

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Saturday, May 21, 2022

www.SFRWalkofHonor.com

April Dinner Meeting - 2022



There will be a Swearing-In Ceremony outdoors on the grounds of the Danville Library at 1 PM on Sunday May 22. Members are invited to participate in the event to recognize graduating High School seniors who are entering military service.



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

MONDAY MAY 30, 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

NOON TO 2 PM PICNIC FOR VNVDV MEMBERS AND GUESTS. BRING A DISH (SALAD, DESSERT, FRUIT OR WHATEVER YOU DESIRE AND YOUR BEVERAGE)





TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

ANNUAL *Sentinels* **GALA**

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

Blackhawk Automotive Museum in Danville, California

SENTINEL GALA SCAN QR CODE

Speakers **FOR Tickets**



GENERAL JAMES AMOS

A retired United States Marine Corps Four-Star General who served as the 85th Commandant of the Marine Corps.



SERGEANT JOHNNY JONES

Combat-wounded USMC Staff Sergeant who turned a traumatic, life-changing disability into a personal mission to improve the lives of all veterans.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.SENTINELSOFFREEDOM.ORG OR CALL US AT 925-880-6842.

Over the last 20 years, Sentinels of Freedom has successfully assisted 650 wounded veterans across the nation in all business disciplines to reach their goals in education and careers with our program services.

VNVDV SUPPORT THE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM



Our mission is to assist severely wounded, post-9/11 veterans in their efforts to become productive and self-sufficient members of their communities as they transition back into civilian life.

Sentinels of Freedom provides vital support and assistance to post-9/11 severely wounded and injured veterans as they seek to achieve post-service higher education leading to professional career placement. The hurdles they face are much higher for this greatly underserved population of returning veterans, both men and women, who have served our nation honorably and sacrificed much in doing so.

Our specialized individual services to these veterans help bridge the unforeseen hurdles they may encounter in achieving their goals by providing financial assistance, a network of mentors, and finally assistance in career placement. Throughout this we realize that our program represents an investment in the lives of our Sentinels, not a charity. Ongoing training and deployment put our service people at risk every day, and we recognize that there will always be qualified and deserving veterans that need assistance achieving their civilian objectives.

These men and women are worth all that our Nation, and Sentinels of Freedom, can do to help them on the path to successful careers and lives. It is our belief that drives the vision for Sentinels of Freedom. Simply put, our vision for Sentinels of Freedom is "To provide the best possible future for our severely wounded and injured veterans."



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- Cocktail Sponsorship - \$5,000

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ABOUT SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

The idea for Sentinels of Freedom began when my son, Kyle was wounded after his M1000 was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) in Iraq. While treating him in the hospital, I spoke with others who were also wounded. I realized the tremendous physical and emotional hurdles these war-torn men and women face when transitioning to civilian life.

Founded in 2007, Sentinels of Freedom has become a community of partners focused on "closing the gaps" for severely wounded, post-9/11 veterans. The mission of SOF is to assist them as they overcome their higher education and successfully transition to civilian life. We call our program participants "Sentinels" in honor of their sacrifice in guarding American freedoms. As their advocates, we attribute our success to how we provide structure and long-term accountability for highly motivated veterans while they pursue their education and personal goals.

Supporting them is not charity; it is an investment. So far, we have served over 627 veterans in 44 states. This year our budget will be \$2.2 million, and our goal is to bring on 100 new Sentinels into our Bridge for Education program. We proudly report that 90% of every dollar raised is applied directly to our Sentinel. Charon, Navigator raises Sentinels of Freedom as an exceptional four-star charity that "exceeds industry standards and outperforms most programs in its cause." In 2021, we received the Outdoor Planning Seal of Transparency.

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THE PREMIER Sponsorship

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- 4 page color ad in the event program

THE ADVOCATE Sponsorship

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- Two (2) tickets to a VIP Reception

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OUR BRIDGE FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our program assists wounded or injured veterans in finding their unique paths to a fulfilling post-military life. Sentinels' Bridge for Education helps fill the gaps GI Bill payments do not cover. This allows Sentinels to focus their attention on their studies, career, and family.

The Sentinel's Bridge for Education program is comprehensive, high touch, multifaceted, and based upon each individual veteran's needs. As our veterans move through school, ongoing assistance is provided in the form of mentoring, life skills coaching, career development, networking, budgeting, financial planning, and more.

627 Veterans Directly Assisted Since Inception as of 11/11/2020

250 Sentinels Served at the End of 2019

90% of Sentinels complete the Bridge for Education Program Successfully

6 Student Veterans Resource Centers Serving 2,000 Veterans Per Year on College Campuses





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Ticket Options

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COMMEMORATING THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

VNVDV Member *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

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Shelley Hansen - Navy

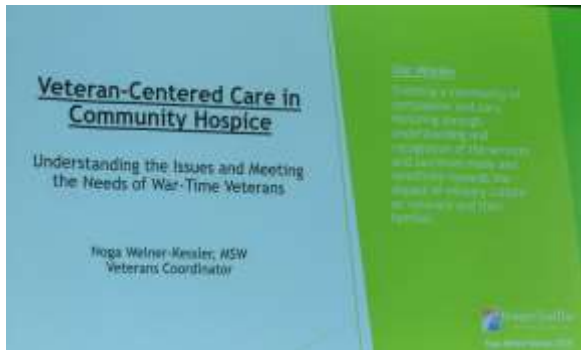
John Domde - Army

John Cahill - Army

Lynn Snyder - Air Force

Chris Mezzapelle - Air Force

THANKS TO APRIL SPEAKER NOGA WELNER-KESSER AND HOSPICE OF EAST BAY FOR THEIR DISCUSSION OF VETERAN-CENTERED CARE IN COMMUNITY HOSPICE.



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

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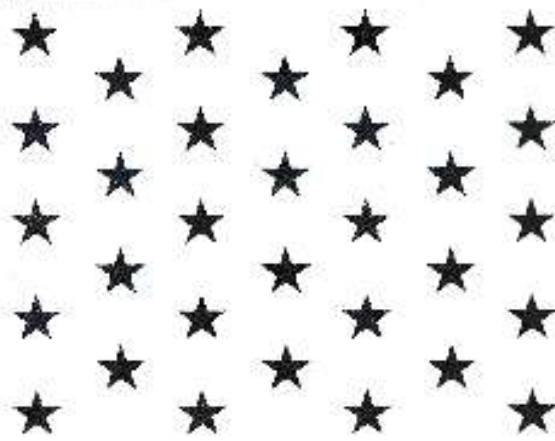


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Nathan D. Johnson
Host, Veterans' Voices

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A NEW MOVIE REVIEW ~ A FIVE STAR FILM YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Movie Review by:
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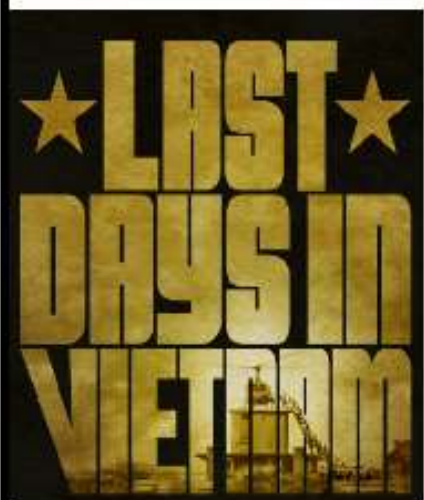


“LAST DAYS IN VIETNAM”

This PBS production depicts the final days of the war in April 1975 as North Vietnamese forces moved into Saigon. U.S. involvement had ended two years earlier in 1973 when we withdrew all combat forces. The American government continued to provide aid and supplies to the South Vietnamese government through this period. The only American forces still in Vietnam during the final days were the Marines who were guarding the U.S. Embassy. This film includes footage and interviews with Americans and Vietnamese who experienced the hurried scramble to evacuate Embassy personnel and South Vietnamese civilians who hoped to leave the country and make it to the U.S. Only a small fraction made it out.

Director Rory Kennedy did an excellent job of presenting a detailed summary of these final days.

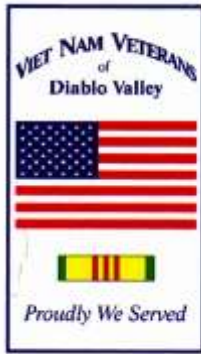
Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



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Please SUPPORT & FOLLOW NEWS from some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:
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[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

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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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**DINNER MEETING MAY 5TH, 2022
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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