

INCOMING NEWS



JUL 2024



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President



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley JULY 11TH VNVDV DINNER MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON

July 4th Danville Parade Flag Distribution

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to enjoy good dinner meeting attendance and thanks to the many attendees and expect this continue when our Dinner Meeting move the **Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon**.

Once again **Fred Granados** arranged for an interesting June speaker, **Mike Payne**, who introduced us to the amazing world of BEES. Their contribution to the local agricultural is essential for success. Mike has invested time and research studying the ways to enhance bee populations and provided insight into the world of bees.

We received some sad news when we learned that VNVDV Honorary Member **Yolanda Vega** passed away. Yolanda, a Gold Star Parent and Honorary VNVDV member has been a long time VNVDV supporter. Yolanda and her son, Jonathan Vega-Yelen will always be remembered by VNVDV.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 4, 2024

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.



SPEAKER for the JULY 11th DINNER MEETING, VNVDV member and Vice President *Dennis Giacovelli* will speak about the history of the Brown Water Navy and his experiences spending a year in Vietnam assigned to a Strike Assault Boat (STAB).



In addition to Yolanda, VNVDV have lost another Member, **Bob Moore**. Bob served two tours with the First Cavalry Division. Bob was a past member of the VNVDV Board of Directors. A Memorial Service for Bob was held on June 28th at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.

Our next public event is perhaps **one of the most important of the year-marching in the July 4 Parade in Danville**. At this time, we will be the only military service organization marching in the parade, so it is more important than ever that each of you show up and let everyone know that we are proud of our service. Our contingent will be led by our color guard carrying all of the Service Flags for each branch of service. The Huey Helicopter will follow and **the rest of our members will be passing out 10,000 small American flags to the spectators**.

After the parade return to the Veterans Memorial Building for the VFW Post 75 BBQ.

Please note the flyer in the Newsletter for Gianni's **"Tips for Change"** fundraiser August 26th, to support the Veterans Memorial Building operations fund.

The July VNVDV Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11th. The dinner cost will be \$35. The new meeting facility is Bridges Golf Club, 9000 South Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon, CA 94582.

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PICTURES FROM 2023



VFW POST 75 4TH OF JULY BBQ AFTER PARADE AT THE VMB

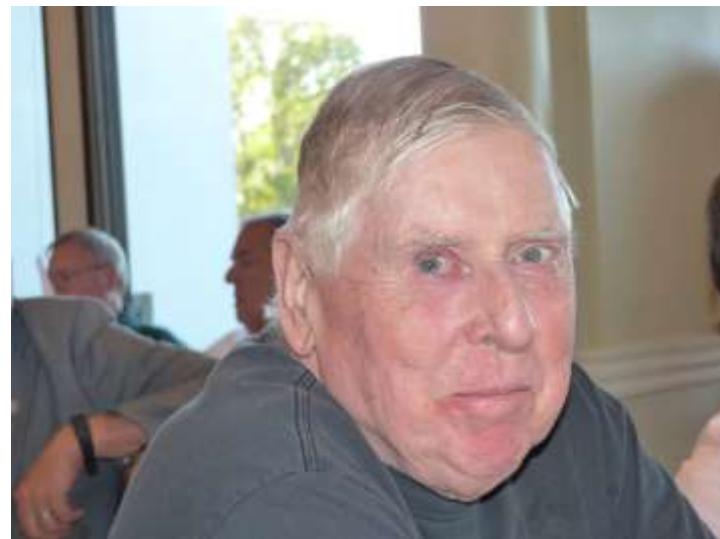
**THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 75 IS HOSTING A BARBECUE AT
THE VETREANS MEMORIAL BUILDING,
400 HARTZ FOLLOWING THE 4TH OF JU-
LY PARADE. PARADE PARTICIPANTS, PA-
RADE VIEWERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY
ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS FESTIVE AF-
FAIR. ED “MOOSE” MESHINSKY OFFERS
YEARS OF EXPEIRNECE PRODUCING
VFW EVENTS AND THIS BBQ OFFERS A
GREAT WAY TO ENJOY THE FOURTH
WITH CELEBRANTS.**



JUNE 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



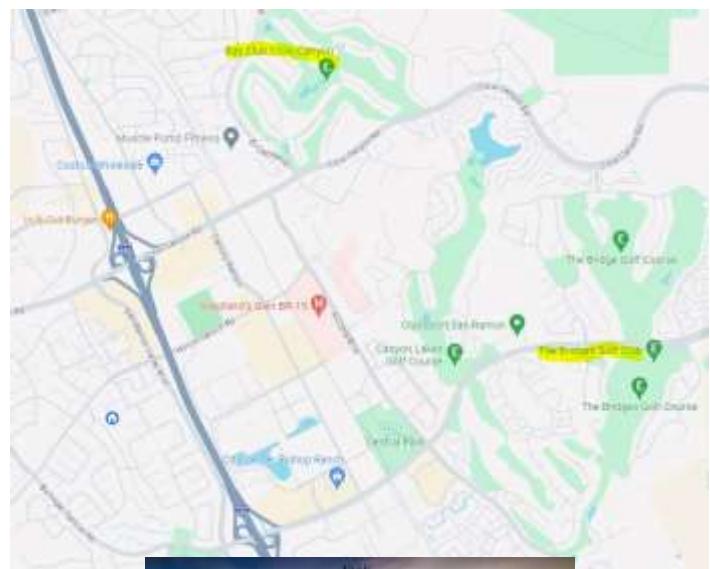
VNVDV REMEMBER YOLANDA VEGA AND BOB MOORE



**JULY MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 11TH
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB
SAN RAMON**

9000 S. Gale Ridge Rd.
San Ramon, CA 94582
5 PM MEET AND VISIT
6 PM DINNER

**With the change of venues
the dinner cost is now \$35**



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gary Villalba	Army	John Prentice	Marines
Mike Weber	Army	Earl Conklin	Army
James Hill	Army	John Schafgans	Army
Alex McElee	Navy	Frank Luna	Army
Wayne Norwood	Army	Daniel Harrington	Navy
Joe Cardinale	Army	Steve Cochran	Army
Larry Ashcock	Army	Marty De Venuta	Air Force
Ron Huesman	Marines	John Willing	Marines
Jeff Wagner	Marines	Billy Rogers	Army
Sandra Johnson	Air Force	Jeremy Bonelle	Army
Ed Baffico	Air Force	Eugene Franck	Army
Tom Silva	Army	Marilyn Sperling	Honorary
	Georgann Seavy	Honorary	

Thanks to the June Speaker, *Mike Payne*, for his presentation on his experiences as an Apiculturist which is the study and practice of keeping bees as well as the manufacturing of honey and beeswax.



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

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"TIPS FOR CHANGE" EVENT MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2024

Please join us at Gianni's Italian Bistro for a fundraiser for the VMB

This year, our very own Blue Star Moms will be waiting tables.

Come support your Veterans Memorial Building.

It promises to be a fun night.



Gianni's
ITALIAN BISTRO
Dine-in or Take-out



Monday August 26, 2024 between 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Make your reservations **asap**. Call (925)820-6969 or visit

www.giannissanramon.com

2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583

PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB



Patty Harris becomes an Honorary member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley with the presentation of Certificate by Jim Hill, President of VNVDV.

Patty has been a long time supporter of Veterans Activities in the Tri-Valley and her years of contributing are greatly appreciated.

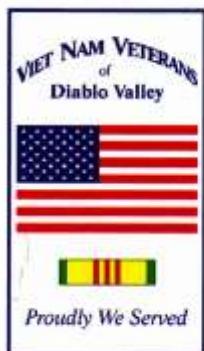
Patty is in contact with everyone to include the Gold Star Parents and Blue Star Moms which are closely aligned with the VNVDV.

Patty works as an advisor to Jim Hill and is a hands on team member for VNVDV fund raising events such as the annual Crab Feed.

Thanks Patty for all you do.

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."

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WCF wheelchair
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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 Commemoration -
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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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

VETERANS' VOICES

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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CCCTV

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

Contra Costa TV is channel 32 on Antenna, channel 27 on Comcast, and channel 99 on AT&T U-verse.
Episodes air: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am.

"VETERAN VOICES"
on **SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH**

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



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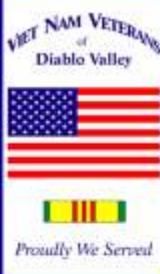
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Proudly We Served

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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