

JUN 2024



# Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley JULY 11TH VNVDV DINNER MEETING

BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON

VNVDV JUNE 6TH DINNER MEETING  
CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to enjoy good dinner meeting attendance and thanks to the many attendees. Once again **Fred Granados** arranged for an interesting May speaker, **Dao Nguyen** who completed the story of her family's relocation from Vietnam to America in 1975 after the fall of Saigon. Dao also provided an update on the "HONOR FLIGHT" program.

May included a number of major events. May 18<sup>th</sup> the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **WALK OF HONOR** sponsored by **PHILLIPS 66** was a great success. The well attended program included the support of the following Sponsors: **VNVDV Members, VFW Post 75, American Legion Post 246, Blue Star Moms Chapter 101, Railroad Veterans, and members of the Danville Town Council.** The Sponsors combined with the generosity of **PHILLIPS 66** yielded a donation of \$23,000 for the VNVDV. These funds will provide support for the many VNVDV activities that benefit Veterans in the Diablo Valley.



JIM  
HILL  
VNVDV  
President

## WALK OF HONOR

## GREAT SUCCESS

15TH ANNUAL WALK OF HONOR HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AND THE GENEROSITY OF THE 38 SPONSORS YIELDED A \$23,000 DONATION TO THE VNVDV. AIMEE HENRY, PHILLIPS 66 WALK OF HONOR EVENT MANAGER AND THE VETERANS PLANNING COMMITTEE PRODUCED THIS TREMENDOUS EVENT.



JOHN REESE RECEIVES DONATION FROM AIMEE HENRY

**SPEAKER for the JUNE 6th DINNER MEETING, Mike Payne will discuss his experiences as a beekeeper. Mike has more than 30 years of involvement as an Apiculturist and has maintained hives in Contra Costa and Solano Counties**



On May 19<sup>th</sup> the annual **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY** on the Danville Green honoring Tri Valley high school service recruits and graduates headed to the Military Academies. Congratulations to all the honorees.

May 27<sup>th</sup> the **MEMROIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** was held at Oak Hill Park in Danville. The main speaker VNVDV member **Bill Green** provided an excellent presentation. Many thanks to the Boy Scouts and all volunteers who contributed to the site preparation for the event.

June 21-23 Bill Green's Duck Club in Yuba City will host a weekend retreat for GWOT Veterans. This event is discussed in the Newsletter. The Phillips 66 Walk of Honor donation to the VNVDV contributes to the cost of the retreat.

Please plan to participate in the **Danville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**. The VNVDV will **distribute American Flags** to children and families viewing the parade. Walk with the VNVDV Color Guard and engage the crowd. Bring family and friends to distribute flags and make this event a meaningful success. Parade details are in the Newsletter. **After the parade return to the Veterans Memorial Building for the VFW Post 75 BBQ.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The June Meeting is the last meeting held at Crow Canyon Country Club. **The July VNVDV Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

**The new meeting facility is Bridges Golf Club, 9000 South Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon, CA 94582. Details are in the Newsletter.**

Finally, please remember **BILL PICTON, past VNVDV President** who passed last month. Bill is recognized in the Newsletter.

**Jim Hill**

**President**

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## **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 4, 2023**

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**PARADE START 0900 MUSTER 0800.**

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

**VNVDV MEMBERS WILL HAND OUT FLAGS TO PARADE SPECTATORS.**



# Thank You to Exhibitors and all who Supported the



## Phillips 66 Walk of Honor HUGE Success!



The 2024 Swearing-In Ceremony Sunday May 19 recognized graduating High School seniors who are entering military service or the Academies.



**WELCOME  
TO THE 11TH ANNUAL  
MILITARY RECRUIT  
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

**Sunday, May 19th, 2024**

Today we honor High School students Graduating in 2024 and enlisting in the United States Military or entering a Military Academy.



**Roll Call of Recruits**

**United States Marine Corps**

Jordan Ball, California High School  
Karina Canada, California High School  
Luke Boddington, San Ramon Valley High School  
Heming Sun, Monte Vista High School  
Noah Nara, San Ramon Valley High School

**United States Navy**

Elyse Cordoza, California High School  
Aidan Magcale, San Ramon Valley High School  
Chris Corea, Livermore High School  
Neel Dhar, Dublin High School

**United States Air Force**

Lance Dalida, Livermore High School

**ROLL CALL OF MILITARY**

**ACADEMY APPOINTEES**

**United States Air Force Academy**

Guilla Tell, Amador Valley High School

**United States Military Academy West Point**

Chris Vojita, Miramonte High School  
Henry Yin, Miramonte High School  
Kai Thomas, Northgate High School



# 32nd Anniversary Memorial Day Remembrance

*Sponsored by Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley*



# MAY 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



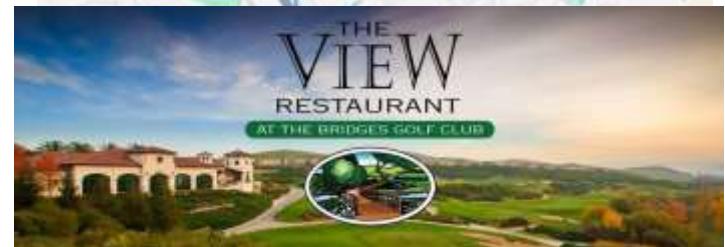
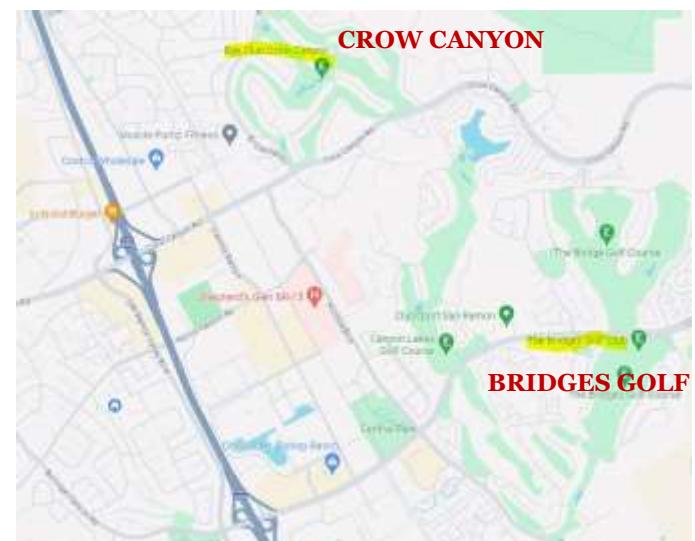
# VNVDV MEMBER BILL PICTON, PAST PRESIDENT IS REMEMBERED

**BILL PICTON** was elected the second president of The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley in the mid-1990s, following another Marine – Norm Mahalich. Prior to serving as President, he was VNVDV Treasurer for several years, and was responsible for incorporated the VNVDV as a non-profit, tax-exempt veterans' organization shortly after the organization was formed in 1991. Bill was a CPA and was the Chair for the All Wars Memorial fundraising. After 10+ Golf Tournaments and still needing funds for the AWM a Foundation was formed including key community members in early 2000. Picton served on the All Wars Memorial Foundation Board in the early 2000s and served as AWM Foundation President for most of the past twenty plus years. The AWM began construction in 2003 with a ground-breaking and dedications, officially opening on Memorial Day 2005. The AWM is approaching its twenty-year anniversary. The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley Remember Bill Picton!



**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



# "GWOT" (Global War on Terrorism) Veteran Weekend Duck Club Retreat Sponsored by the VietNam Veterans

One of the VNVDV's less publicized efforts is a special veteran services program designed by long-time VNVDV member & Director **Bill Green** - who serves as a volunteer "mentor" for Vet Center support groups. Created to assist our more recent returning vets - "GWOT" (Global War on Terrorism) giving them a relaxed, social environment to aide in readjustment to civilian life & activities after combat military service..

Assisting the VNVDV with counselor support is our County Veterans Service Office & Vet Center "mentors & coaches" allowing time for these younger vets to talk with other veterans. This worthy program was developed for returning / GWOT veterans - and made possible, largely due to funding received through our partnership with **Phillips 66** & their annual **"Walk of Honor"** on Armed Forces Day. *We thank all those who support this year's event.*



THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 75 IS HOSTING A BARBECUE AT THE VETREANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, 400 HARTZ FOLLOWING THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE. PARADE PARTICIPANTS, PARADE VIEWERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS FESTIVE AFFAIR. ED "MOOSE" MESHINSKY OFFERS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PRODUCING VFW EVENTS AND THIS BBQ OFFERS A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY THE FOURTH WITH CELEBRANTS.



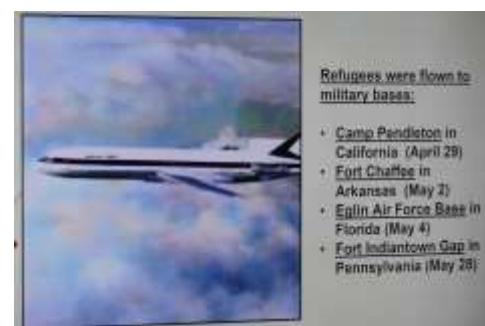
## CUB SCOUTS VISIT SATURDAY COFFEE ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



# VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Dunne	Army	Dave Turner	Navy
Don Schroeder	Army	Pete Longoria	Marines
Lee Halverson	Marines	Bill Green	Army
Bobby Dunton	Navy	Phillip Simon	Coast Gd.
Daniel Miranda	Army	Saber Zell	Marines
Ken Jones	Navy	William Hendley	Air Force
Dave Farkas	Navy	Mark Marcum	Army
Hank Stanger	Navy	Dennis Kline	Navy
Bob McDonnell	Army	Bill Youngblood	Army

Thanks to the May Speaker, *Dao Nguyen*, for her presentation on her family escape from Vietnam in 1975 and their journey to the United States. Dao also provided information on “Honor Flight”.



Refugees were flown to military bases:

- Camp Pendleton in California (April 29)
- Fort Chaffee in Arkansas (May 2)
- Eglin Air Force Base in Florida (May 4)
- Fort Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania (May 28)



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

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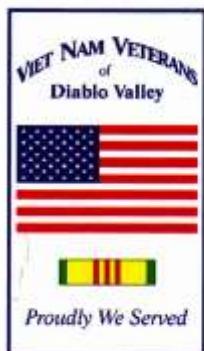
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**The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips,  
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We Thank David Behring & the Wheel Chair Foundation for the support of VNVDV & our three amazing wheel chair distribution trips to 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](http://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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)  
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Blue Star Moms #101 website: [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) & Blue Star Moms #20 website: [www.ccbluestarmoms.org](http://www.ccbluestarmoms.org)  
VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)

**VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://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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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.  
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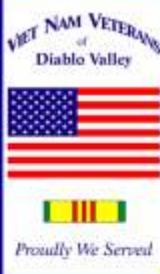
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**To:****VNVDV Members & VIPs**

**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](http://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  
 JUNE 6TH,  
 CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB  
 JULY MEETING  
 THURSDAY JULY 11TH  
 BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON**

Social Hour at 1700 - Dinner at 1815 - Guest Speaker - **Join Us!**

Featuring "Chef's Special Buffet Dinner" - **\$30** **RSVP NOT Required!**

**"INCOMING" News - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV**



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**Sign up today for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk of Honor for our Veterans event on Saturday, May 18, 2024!**

Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

**Check-in 8:30 am - 9:30 am at the Crockett Community Center/ Walk will begin at 10:00 am**

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

### Registration Form

**Early Registration \$30.00, after May 1, 2024, Registration is \$40 (T-shirt and BBQ included)**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Walking in honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Veterans Name(s)*

**T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL (Please circle one)**

Please make checks payable to: **SFR Community Fund**, (Tax ID#45-2483804). Mail registration form along with check to:

**Phillips 66, Attn: Aimee Henry, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572**

Register online at [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)

#### Participant Waiver

*Participation waiver must be filled out completely. Application deadline is May 15, 2024.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from all liability or claims of injury of whatsoever nature which may be incurred by me because of my voluntary participation in the Walk of Honor for our Veterans event sponsored by Phillips 66 on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

**Media/Photographic Release.** Participants do hereby grant and convey unto Phillips 66 and our sponsors all rights, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Phillips 66 during the activities with respect to the Walk of Honor, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

I further represent and certify to Phillips 66, its officers, employees, agents and assigns that I am physically able to do the various things enumerated above without limitation, and that I have no disabilities which might prevent me from doing the same.

**All banners, flags, or apparel worn or carried in the WALK are subject to the approval of the Walk of Honor Committee.** Non-compliance with this policy will subject offenders to eviction from the WALK or banquet and forfeiture of their application fee.

I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participation in this event and has given me permission to participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.

**PARTICIPANT (If not age 18 or older, parent/guardian must co-sign)**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN**

*(Undersigned has read the above and understands this waiver.)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information, please contact Aimee Henry at 510.245.5130

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Saturday  
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**Veterans Memorial Building  
of the San Ramon Valley**

**Is proud to present the **2024**  
Recruit Recognition  
and  
Swearing-in Ceremony**



## **MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE**

**MONDAY MAY 27, 2024**

**OAK HILL PARK 3005 STONE VALLEY ROAD  
DANVILLE**

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

**SPEAKER: BILL GREEN, VNVDV MEMBER**



# JOIN VNVDV MEMBERS MAY 18TH TO SUPPORT PHILLIPS 66 HONORING ARMED FORCES DAY



The Phillips 66 Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex invites you to join us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans. This year the 'Walk of Honor' will be held on May 18, 2024. Last year's event was a great success, raising \$36,000. Funds raised were evenly distributed to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the Crockett Community Services District. In the last fourteen years, we have raised and donated more than \$511,000. 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.

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.

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

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

The VNVDV 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.

#### Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors!

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**RODEO RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX**

Proudly Presents the

*15th Annual*

**WALK OF HONOR  
FOR OUR  
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Saturday, May 18, 2024

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850 Pomona Street  
Crockett, CA 94525

Register online at  
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