

NOV 2024

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

NOV 7TH VNVDV DINNER MEETING

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VNVDV
President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fall has been very busy for VNVDV activities. The October Meeting was highlighted by the presentation from Marcia Estrella, Chris Burchik and Dave Smith providing a path for critical information records prior to someone becoming incapacitated. Copies of the information are on the VNVDV Website.

We have a lot going on in the next two months. Here is the rundown of what has happened and what is scheduled.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 The **Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade** kicked off at 1:00 PM and included our full-size Huey Helicopter along with our own color guard. Special shout-out to Jim Oram and Scott Carr plus the volunteers that prepared the Huey for the parade.

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VNVDV's dinner of the year... Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala, DECEMBER 5th,

Social at 5 - Sit-down Dinner at 6

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by NOV 22nd

Entre: Prime Rib - Salmon or Vegetarian

PRICE \$70 per DINNER

Bridges Golf Club, San Ramon

SPEAKERS for the NOVEMBER 7TH DINNER MEETING, JOSH ZEBLEY will provide an update of Veterans Information from the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Organization office in Martinez. NATHAN JOHNSON will discuss his work with Veterans at the VA Martinez Clinic.



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During Jerry's Celebration Service Gary Villalba, longtime Veteran Service Office Director and advocate for VNVDV members was contacted and offered his regrets that he could not attend due to homecare commitments in Santa Barbara, CA. Gary sends his best wishes to all.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5 The **Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors** hosted a Veterans Day recognition in the Board Chambers at 11:00 AM. This annual event honors Veterans and the support offered by Contra Costa County is appreciated. VNVDV attended and supports this event.

SAT-MONDAY NOVEMBER 9-11 Veterans Day Exhibits will be featured at the VMB. Details are in the Flyer in the Newsletter. The static Huey will be on display and thanks are offered to the volunteers that watch over the helicopter during the event.

On **Monday November 11, from 7:30-10:30** there will be a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the **Danville Town Council** and will be served in the upstairs event room in the VMB.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5 The December Meeting is the **Christmas sit-down Dinner and VNVDV Recognition Event** to honor members and supporters who have contributed to VNVDV activities. **Reservations are required and there is a deadline of November 22 to reserve your place. Prime Rib, Salmon and Vegetarian meals are offered, and a meal selection must be made with your reservation.** The per meal cost is \$70. Do not miss this spectacular gala.

Finally, the November meeting will be the **election of Officers and Board Directors for 2025**. Ballots for voting will be distributed at the meeting and a ballot is also included in the November Newsletter for mail in voting.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the November Dinner Meeting.

Jim Hill
President
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BOLLINGER CANYON RD CLOSURE NOV 7TH

Bollinger Canyon Road will be completely closed between Camino Ramon and Market Place on from **Thursday, November 7**. Detours will be in place to direct traffic around the construction zone

**The Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley
and The Town of Danville
Present the**

Veterans Day (weekend) Pop-up Museum

November 9th thru 11th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Including Displays on:

80th Anniversary of D-Day

75th Anniversary of the Berlin AirLift

Everyday items invented for the Military

Astrophotography

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ROV Tour – underwater Robotics

Quest Wind Voyager

SRV firefighting robots

Danville Police Drones

Women in the Military/Space

Models of America's Rockets and Space Artifacts

Etc., etc., etc.

**Presentation about Captain "Bud" Scudero who
landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, Monday 11:00**

**Presentation by Navy Frogman Clancy Hatleberg, first to
the Apollo 11 Capsule and Robert Fish, Saturday 11:00**

Veterans Day Ceremony Monday 11:00

Entire Family Event – Free Admission

Saturday November 9, 2024 from 9:00 – 5:00

Sunday November 10, 2024 from 9:00 – 5:00

Monday November 11, 2024 from 9:00 – 5:00



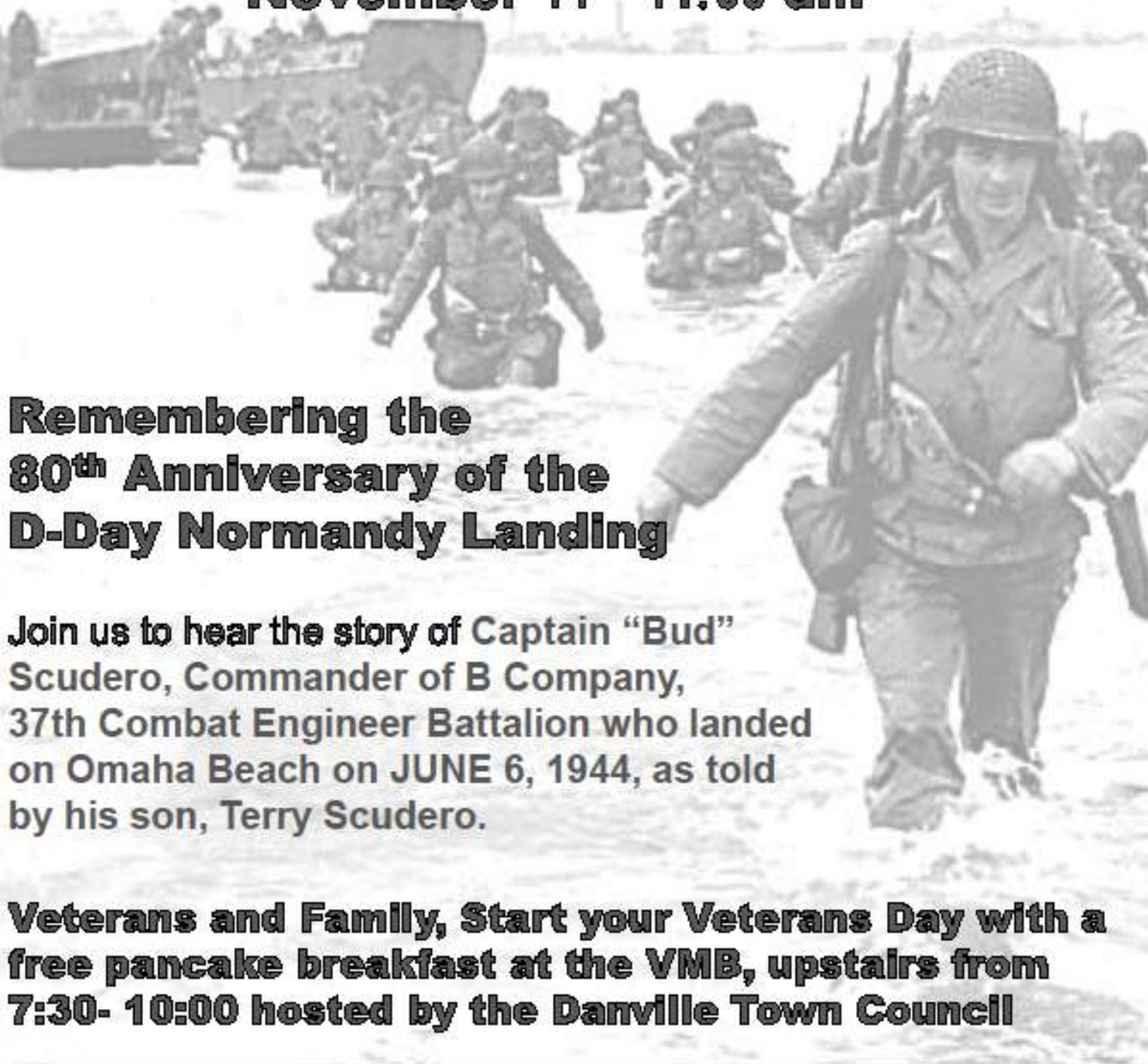
**Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
corner of Hartz and Prospect, Danville**



**The Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley and The Town of Danville
Present the annual**

Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11th 11:00 am



Remembering the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landing

Join us to hear the story of Captain "Bud" Scudero, Commander of B Company, 37th Combat Engineer Battalion who landed on Omaha Beach on JUNE 6, 1944, as told by his son, Terry Scudero.

Veterans and Family, Start your Veterans Day with a free pancake breakfast at the VMB, upstairs from 7:30- 10:00 hosted by the Danville Town Council



**Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
corner of Hartz and Prospect, Danville**



MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 7:30 - 10:30

You are invited to the 9th Annual

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hosted by the Danville Town Council

(Karen Stepper, Dave Fong, Newell Americh, Renee Morgan & Robert Storer)

and American Legion Post 246

Monday, November 11, 2024

7:30 - 10:30 am

Location:

Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley
2nd Floor
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA



**VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
A COMPLIMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**





Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Invite you to our annual
**CHRISTMAS DINNER &
RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

The Bridges Golf Club
900 South Gate Ridge Road San Ramon, CA

Thursday December 5, 2024

5:00 PM Social - No host bar

6:00 PM Sit Down Dinner

\$70.00 per person

Dinner Choices
Prime Rib, Salmon or Vegetarian



Purchase your dinner(s) at our
November 7th Dinner Meeting
or Please RSVP by Nov.ember 20th to:

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Veteran Veterinary Wellness Clinics

Joybound believes in the power of the human-animal bond, and that cost of care should never keep Veterans from this benefit. We offer free vaccine and veterinary wellness clinics for Veterans' pets.

Our free veterinary wellness clinics are available by appointment for dogs and cats only. Limit two pets per household per clinic.

On-site Clinic

Our in-house clinic provides veterinary wellness care for Veterans' pets. The dedicated Veterans' clinic entrance can be found just past the main adoption entrance, around the corner from the spay/neuter clinic entrance. Services are by appointment only on Wednesdays.

For information or to schedule an appointment, please call (925) 296-3125 (select option 7) and leave a message. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Official Ballot for 2025 ELECTION of OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Term: JANUARY 1, 2025 to DECEMBER 31, 2025

PRESIDENT

Dennis Giacovelli

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The beginning of the VNVDV election process takes place at our official "Annual Meeting" in November of each year. At the Nov. 2024 meeting members will vote with the ballot in the Nov. Newsletter. Members may mail the Ballot to our official Post Office Box 2079 in Danville, CA 94526.

Member's Instructions: Mark your "Official Ballot" by an "X" or "V" on the line across from the candidate or "circle the name." The lines below each position are for "write-in" candidates who have accepted & agreed to run for the selected office. This ballot is distributed to all members through the Nov Newsletter or the VNVDV Website. Members should vote by mailing a copy of this ballot so that it is post-marked no later than - Nov 21st deadline.

The Election Committee must be able to confirm all ballots received against our current VNVDV membership roster. This requires all VNVDV members to PRINT & Sign Your NAME on the bottom of this official ballot - for it to be counted & valid. All "mailed ballots" - according to our by-laws must be "post-marked" no later than 20NOV2024 (official close of the election). Please MAIL your completed ballot to: VNVDV c/o "Elections" - P.O. Box 2079 - Danville, CA 94526-2079. FYI - only the Past Presidents who are members of the "Nomination & Election Committee" will collect - open & tally ballots. * If you desire information on any of the Board Positions contact our President (Jim Hill 510-410-1040). Final election results are officially announced at the December Recognition Dinner. Note: all address - contact & e-mail changes or updates - include these on a separate sheet of paper with your ballot - allowing the committee to pass along just this current information to our Director of Membership.

PRINTED NAME:	SIGNATURE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	CONTACT PHONE:
ALL BALLOTS MUST BE COMPLETED ALLOWING ELECTION COMMITTEE TO MATCH AGAINST OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.	

For more than a century, they've been at it.
The Black Knights against the Midshipmen.
The Greatest Rivalry In Sports



ARMY-NAVY GAME

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Kick-off at 12:00

**Come join your fellow Veterans
downstairs in the main hall of the
Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley**

For hot dogs, chili, nachos, Camaraderie, and

The Game

Bring a side dish and refreshment



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY NOV. BIRTHDAYS

Bud Eckert	Marines	Bill Hodges	Navy
“TJ” Trujillo	Army	Lorrie Sammons	Navy
Tom Holstrom	Navy	Gary Pforr	Marines
Steve Mazaika	Army	Donald Parker	Navy
Phil Stage	Army	Slatts Slattengren	Navy
Kasey Warner	Navy	Charles Gibson	Army
Bob Poirier	Navy	John Ricardo	Army
Steve Shirey	Army	Tom Eager	Army
Tom Herevy	Army	Jack O'Bryan	Army
Dave Corozza		Air Force	

Thanks to the October Speakers Marcia Estrella, Chris Burchick and Dave Smith. The presentation on “Next of Kin” consideration discussed practical steps that can be taken to assemble important information for family members so that vital records and plans are identified and developed should a member become incapacitated.



Preparing for the Inevitable

- My fellow presenters: Marcia Estrella and Chris Burchick. Because of these ladies, this is the easiest and hardest talk I have given.
- I got involved because of my wife's sister's recent passing and Jan was the Executor.
- Tremendous amount of info about this subject.
- Please KEEP or PASS-ON the check list we pass out.
- Account for, Document, and Inform
- Guys started talking about:
 - NOK Boxes
 - Who needs to be notified and when
 - Important Phone numbers
 - Location of important papers, especially DD-214
 - Need for a checklist



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

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INFORMATION FOR PLANNING

Important Information for All Veterans & Family Members

The VA National Cemetery Administration

Burial Benefits

VA Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of the [VA national cemeteries](#) with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a [government headstone, marker, or medallion](#), a [burial flag](#), and a [Presidential Memorial Certificate](#), at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for [burial allowances](#). Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the Veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the Veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran.

The Veterans family should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense.

The Veterans Benefits Administration created a guide: [Burial Benefits for Veterans and their Families](#) [PDF] to assist in pre-need planning and record storage.

On Behalf of a Grateful Nation —

Download the VA Burial and Memorial Benefits Guide

About the NCA guide

This guide will help you make burial choices and prepare for the future. Use this guide to learn about these benefits and to avoid making rushed, agonizing decisions at the time of need.

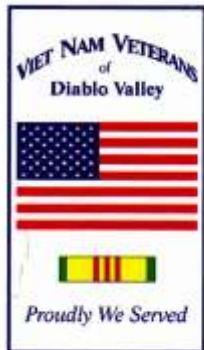
Veterans - Download this informative Guide provided by the VA
LINK: <https://www.va.gov/survivors/docs/NCAQuickGuideADA.pdf>



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**The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips,
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Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.**

**We Thank David Behring & the Wheel
Chair Foundation for the support of
VNVDV & our four 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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Special 50th VN Commemoration -
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Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait -
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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
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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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Appointments available

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Visit our VNVDV Website
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"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

"VETERAN VOICES"

on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN
SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.

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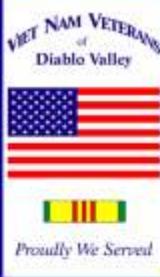
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Proudly We Served

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!

DINNER MEETING
OCTOBER MEETING
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON
DINNER COST WILL BE \$35

"INCOMING" News - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV