

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

OCT 2024

OCT 3RD VNVDV DINNER MEETING



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VNVDV
President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

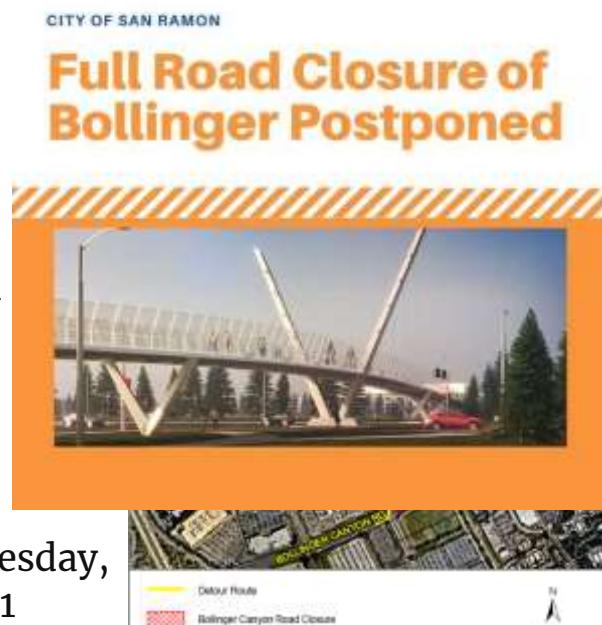
The September meeting enjoyed a large enthusiastic attendance. Thanks to all. Working with Bridges the meal serving time was significantly reduced and the sound system was improved. Continued improvements will be developed as we work with this new venue.

A big shout out to our September Speaker, **Roswitha Barry**, who provided personal experiences as a child in Berlin after the war. During this time, she benefited from the lifesaving operation "**Berlin Airlift**" which provided essential supplies to the people of Berlin during the Communist blockade in 1949. Roswitha visited Berlin for the 75th Anniversary of the Airlift and shared her experiences during the presentation.

Once again members are reminded that Officers and Directors are to be elected by ballot at the November meeting. The Ballot form will be in the November Newsletter for those who cannot attend the meeting. Print the ballot and instructions for mailing are provided. In addition, members are asked to consider running for an office. Help is always needed.

Upcoming Closure of Bollinger Canyon Road: October 1-7

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Road
will be
com-
pletely
closed
between
Camino
Ramon
and
Market
Place
from Tuesday,
October 1



SPEAKER for the OCTOBER 3RD DINNER MEETING, Dave Smith will discuss the "NokBox", a system for cataloging important information. This is an essential process to make certain that important records can be located by others if you lose the capacity direct your affairs. Marcia Estrella and Chris Burchik will assist Dave.



Events in October are minimal. Please be aware of the **Saturday Morning Coffee at the Veterans Memorial Building**. This is a great way to visit with veterans and share experiences. Visitors include recent veterans and members of the community that support veterans. 8:30 – 12:00 join the comradery.

November 3rd the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade will be held at 1 PM. Muster at 11:00. Contact Mike Slattengren 925-216-7139 to participate in the Color Guard.

November 5th is the Contra Costa County Supervisors Veterans Day Program at 11 AM. Plan to attend.

November 3rd at the Veterans Memorial Building 3 - 5 PM there will be a Celebration of Life for Jerry Yahiro. There isn't enough space in this message to properly honor Jerry but plan to attend to participate in the tribute to Jerry Yahiro, a great advocate for veterans. A Flyer is in the Newsletter.

In November Veterans Day will be honored at the Veterans Memorial Building 9-11 November. There will be exhibits presenting military and scientific events designed to be a family experience. Please note the Flyer in the Newsletter. Looking into December please note that details for the **Christmas Dinner on December 5th** are being developed with Bridges Golf Club. Please keep the date open and information will be sent as soon as available.

In ending, thanks to all our members with the adjustment to our new meeting facilities. VNVDV is transitioning to our new site and the tremendous attendance is essential to our success. See everyone on the 3rd.

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Veterans Day Parade
Pleasanton - Sun. Nov 3

Need volunteers for Flags

Contact Mike Slattengren

925 / 216-7139

Muster 11:00 Veterans Bldg.
Main Street Pleasanton



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUPV. VETERANS DAY 2024 CEREMONY

Thank you for your service, Veterans!
Contra Costa County's Board of Supervisors honors Veterans & their families at the Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers at 1025 Escobar Street, Martinez.



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CELEBRATE
THE LIFE OF
OUR FRIEND
**JERRY
YAHIRO**



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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**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 Air lift

Everyday items invented for the Military

Astrophotography

Robotics

SRV firefighting robots

Danville Police Drones

America's Rockets

Etc., etc., etc.

Presentation by Navy Frogman

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



SEPTEMBER 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



Nominations Open for Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 2025 Officers & Board of Directors Election at November 7th Meeting

Nominations are OPEN for 2025 Officers & Directors - as announced at the September Membership Dinner Meeting & mentioned in the INCOMING News. President Jim Hill appointed Past President Mike Slattengren as Chair of the Recruitment & Nomination Committee for 2025. He also appointed Dave Smith to serve as official member of the 2025 committee for the Election of Officers & Directors for the VNVDV. Past President Dennis Giacovelli expressed he is *looking for a few good men...* to serve on the Board in 2025. The President needs a solid team behind him... so all members are encouraged to find out more about these positions from any of these Past Presidents... Mike Weber or Rich Lambert. The Official Ballots will be distributed at the November 7th dinner meeting with the names of those nominated to-date. You can nominate yourself - or members can nominate other current members in good standing. Any election questions about the "responsibilities" of each office should be directed to any of these three members of the election committee. **Elections/Voting (turning in your written ballot)** will be held at the General Membership Meeting on **Thursday - November 7, 2024**. Ballots may also be returned by mail to the VNVDV official mailing address. All "mailed ballots" must be "completed in full" and received no later than **November 16, 2024** to be counted in the final results. **Election results** will be announced by the President & Election Committee at the **December meeting** & announced in the **Incoming** electronic newsletter.

The 2024 Election is for the 2025 VNVDV Officers & Board of Directors positions listed:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Director of Public Relations

Director of Membership

Director of Events

Director At Large

Director of Information

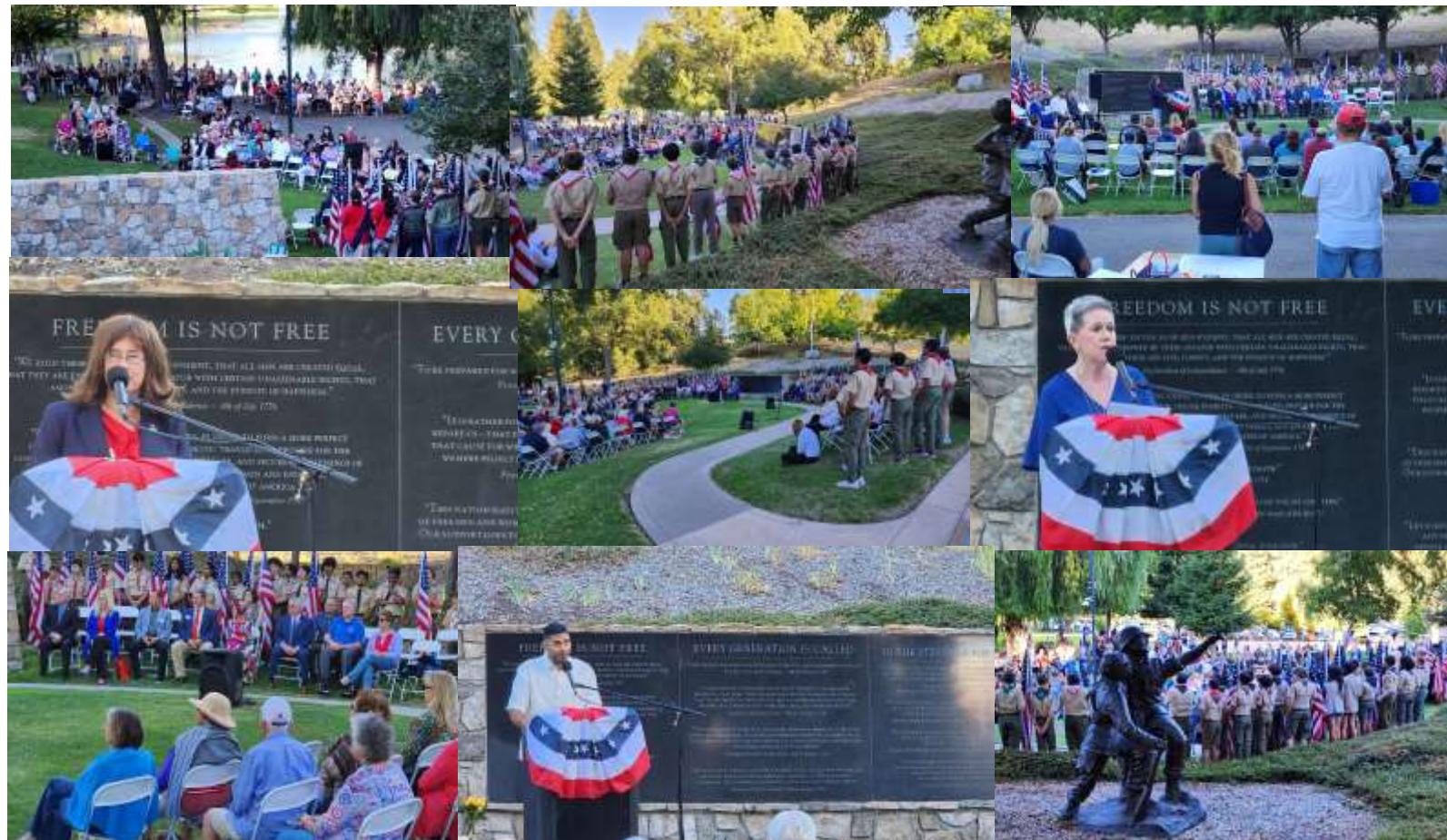
Director of Procurement

Director of Speakers

The Election Committee has received nominations for each position and encourages members to find out about each leadership role and become involved in our Board of Directors meetings. All positions are OPEN and we encourage members to run for whatever position they desire by notifying the Nomination Selection Committee by e-mail (please copy Election Committee members). The duties & responsibilities of all "Officers & Directors" positions listed above are outlined in our organizational by-laws. We encourage new members - as well and those now with time available - to attend our October Board of Directors meetings this month on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Building at 1800. This is a good way to find out what each position is responsible for and gives you a better understanding and background of the organization. All members are welcome to attend any Board meeting. If you have questions about the positions - speak one of the members of the nomination/election committee. Co-Chairs and Assistants are *"appointed"* by the President - and are needed in most areas. This is a great way to learn about the duties - help in a significant way - and keep our organization strong & active in helping fellow veterans - those serving and our community. **Past President Jerry Yahiro noted... "The quality of an organization depends on its current leaders' and the members' willingness to participate in the administration of the organization."** We encourage all members to "strongly consider" becoming more active & involved in "the program of your choice" in our organization.

President Jim Hill previously indicated there are many enjoyable positions to serve - making a difference in the direction of this amazing organization and he strongly encourages all members to consider joining the 2025 team which he promises will be another fun & exciting year. Our events & activities are so varied... there is truly something for everybody! You can make a difference. Join the team.

Exchange Club Remembers 9/11 at AWM



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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.

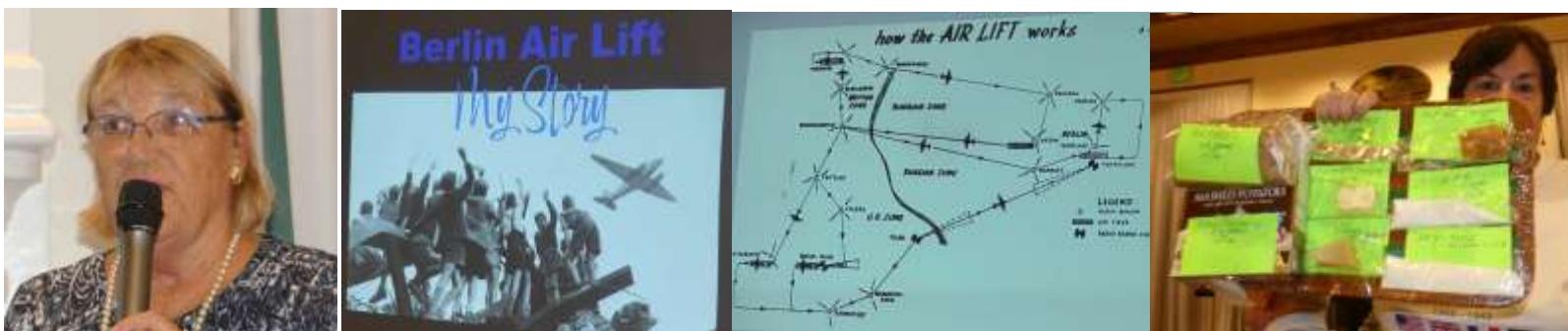
For information or to schedule an appointment, please call (925) 296-3125 (select option 7) and leave a message. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY OCT. BIRTHDAYS

Jim Murphy	Navy	Jon Robbins	Army
James Handlin	Army	Bob Sada	Air Force
John Reese	Navy	Patti Wernet	Army
Jerry Yahirō	Army	Phil Butler	Navy
Gary Slattengren	Navy	Henry Fanger	Navy
David Behring	Honorary	Robert Mitchell	Marine
Pat Leary	Army	Les Chakurian	Army
Mike Huntsman	Navy	Roy Warner	Navy
Joe Callaway	Army	Patty Chew	Army
Juan Kelly	Army	Dave Smith	Air Force
Jeff Jewell	Air Force	Tony Bettencourt	Army
Mark Heineman	Army	Robert Joplin	Army

Thanks to the September speaker ROSWITHA BARRY for her presentation of the 75th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. Roswitha was a child at the time of the Airlift and shared her memories of this important event.



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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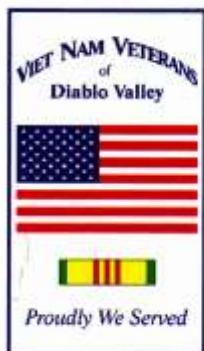


SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



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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your
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VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

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**Looking for a
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**The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips,
2006, 2012, 2019 and 2024 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 -
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Take time to visit the AWM - then the website
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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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Martinez Clinic

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Appointments available

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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

"VETERAN VOICES"

on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.

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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.

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

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Episodes air: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am.



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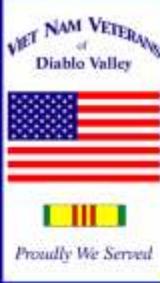
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Proudly We Served

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 OCTOBER 3RD
 BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON
 DINNER COST WILL BE \$35**

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