

MAR 2025

# Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley Armed Forces Day ~ the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans



Dennis Giacovelli  
VNVDV  
President

## THANK YOU to our Crab Feed Generous Sponsors & Supporters

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many, many thanks to all of you who participated in one way or another to our 2025 Crab Feed Fundraiser. A special thanks to **Slatts as the coordinator, Jim Murphy who is in charge of the auction and Danville Mayor Renee Morgan the Event auctioneer.** I believe that everyone left with a gift, on us, and were delighted. The **CRAB** was absolutely the best and Russ and his crew in the kitchen were great. We also did very well in fundraising, about the same as last year and still everyone went home with something. Ed will give a detailed report on Thursday.

Hopefully our **VNVDV pocket patches** will arrive by our meeting date. If so, you can purchase them from T.J. for \$25.00. I think we will have a great look for future events and ceremonies.



**SPEAKER for the MARCH 6TH DINNER MEETING** will be **LARRY TEHERO** who will be sharing a short presentation covering the Army career of Albert Chang a decorated combat photographer twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.



At last month's meeting, I showed you a slide show of **Phillips 66 Walk of Honor** fundraiser. Hopefully the new members got a sense of what that looks like and will plan to attend. It came in handy to fill in the time needed to allow the Club to get the food ready. This month I will be showing a short slide show about the **Memorial Day Ceremony held at Oak Hill Park**. This is a yearly ceremony put on by the VNVDV to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms. Hopefully these glimpses will entice you all to attend the various activities.

And please take a look at the flyer on the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Veterans Memorial** Building taking place on **March 30<sup>th</sup>**. It would be fantastic if you and your family could attend, and even better if you could volunteer to help out for the day. We need people to help set up, guard the street closure, monitor the activities, tear it down, and many more tasks. Please let me know if you are interested at [houseworks@pacbell.net](mailto:houseworks@pacbell.net).

That's it, see you all on March 6, at Bridges Golf Club.

**Dennis Giacovelli**  
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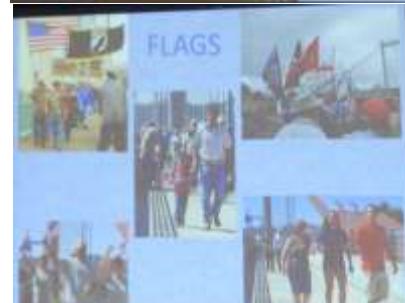
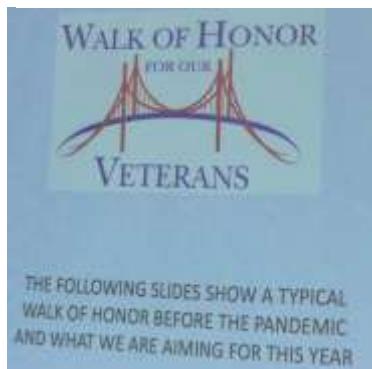


## VNVDV DINNER MEETING

### ACTIVITY UPDATE

### WALK OF HONOR

**MAY 17, 2025**



VNVDV PRESIDENT DENNIS GIACOVELLI  
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**Dear Commander/President:**

The VMB Board of Trustees requests the assistance and participation of our resident Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) when we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley. The celebration will take place on Sunday, March 30, 2025, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the VMB and East Prospect Street, which will be closed for the occasion. See the attached flyer for more information. Set-up will begin at 8:00 am.

The Board wants maximum participation from all our VSO's. We would like you and your members to mingle with the visitors and act as hosts for the event. All veteran volunteers will have identification badges to help in that capacity. More specifically, we'd like each VSO to do the following:

- Assist with set-up and tear-down
- Set up an information table to promote your VSO
- Keep members in uniform at your table as much as possible
- Wear your ID badges, mingle with the crowd, and assist where you can
- Consider donating to VMBSRV Operations or Legacy Fund

Points of contact are Bob Sada, Eric Ardell, Dennis Giacovelli, and me. Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions and, as soon as possible, provide a list of members from your organization who will participate. As the 100-year celebration gets closer and plans firm up, we will send electronic updates to all VSO points of contact.

Thank you for your continued service and especially for your support of the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley as it turns 100 years old!

Respectfully,

Christian D. Taddeo  
President, Board of Trustees  
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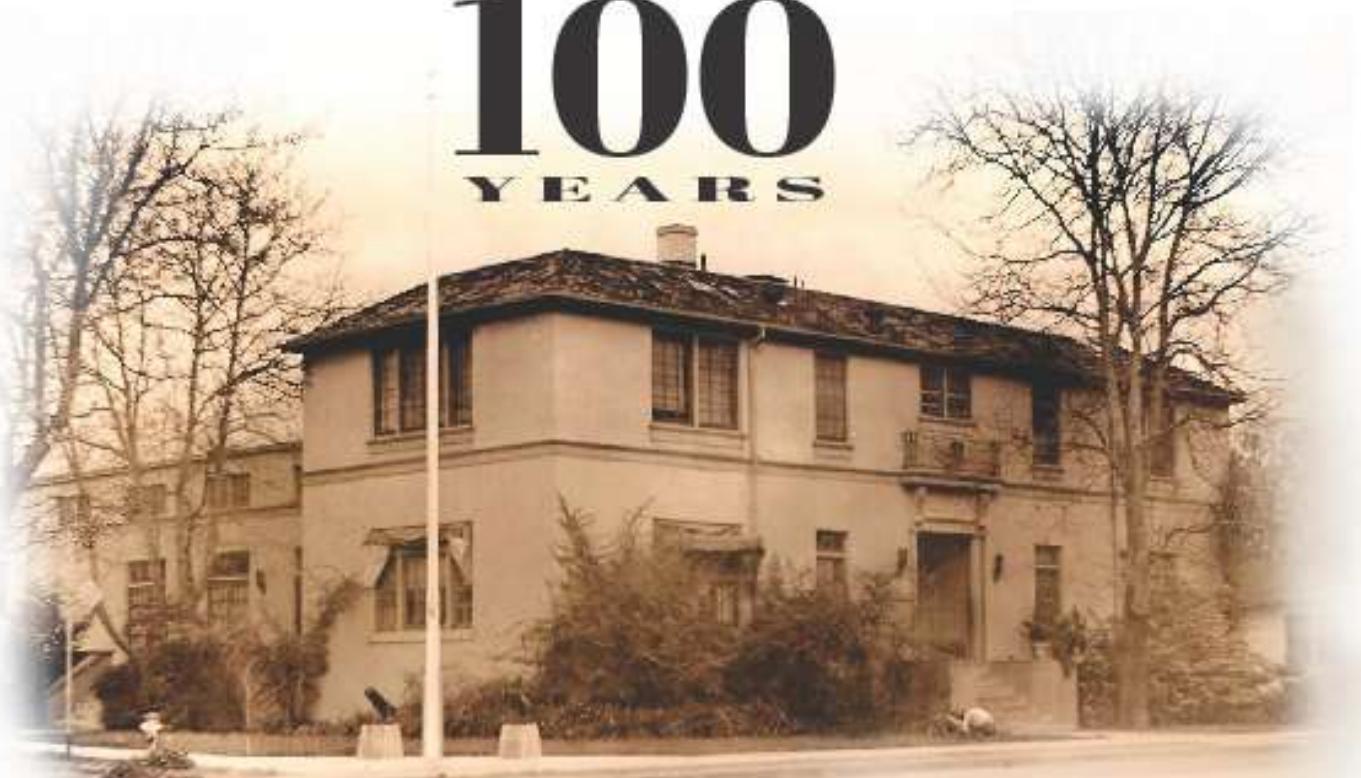
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# CENTENNIAL PARTY, MARCH 30, 2025

## VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING OF SAN RAMON VALLEY

1925 ★ 2025

**100**  
YEARS



Join Us for a Day Long Family Event Celebration - 11 AM - 5 PM

# March 30, 2025

Post WWI Theme Displays • Vintage Vehicles

Photo Display of Building History & Life in the 1920's

Small Bites from Local Restaurants • Live Music

Historic Downtown Danville Walking Tours

Period Role Players in Costume • Scavenger Hunt

WWI Displays & Artifacts • Art Activities for Children



★ ★ ★ Veterans Memorial Building 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA ★ ★ ★

# CENTENNIAL PARTY, MARCH 30, 2025

## Veterans Memorial Building turns 100

The Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, located in downtown Danville, will be turning 100 years old on April 2, 2025. To mark the event, the Veterans and the Community, will be holding a Centennial Party on March 30, 2025. The 1920's themed event will include an open house-museum showcasing the Veterans Building as well as life in the United States during the 20's. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and educational activities.

To help in that effort, the Planning Committee is putting out the call to everyone to please look in your attic, basement, photo albums, etc., for pictures of the Veterans Building and of activities that took place in the building throughout its history. Besides a home for Veterans, the building has been used for the Chamber of Commerce office, Justice of the Peace court, County Supervisor's office, Red Cross, Farm Bureau, Boy Scouts, recreational, drama and exercise classes, youth activities, business and social events, post office, voting location, dances, performances, and many other uses. Photos of any and all of these activities would be appreciated.

Please email Dennis Giacovelli at [houseworks@pacbell.net](mailto:houseworks@pacbell.net) or call 925-838-6445. You can email him your photos or send them to P.O. Box 217, Danville, CA 94526. All physical photos will be scanned and then returned to you.



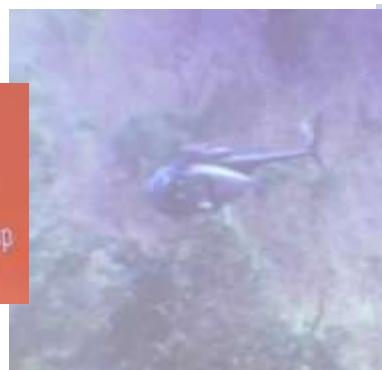
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Frank Wallace	Marine	John Baker	Navy
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Dennis Petersen	Army	Skip Lausten	Army
Scott Randle	Army	Mike Yura	Navy
Rod Guyette	Army	David Caldwell	Marine
	Charles Schretzmann		Marine

**Thanks to the February Speaker *Victor Machias* who will share his experiences as a Scout Observer in an OH6A “Loach” Helicopter, with the 7th Squadron 17th Air Cavalry, Viet Nam 1968.**



A Troop Scouts  
7th/17th Air Cavalry  
at Poiel Kleng Special Forces Camp



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

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# FEBRUARY 2025 DINNER MEETING ATTENDEES



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# SATURDAY MAY 17TH CROCKETT



RODEO RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

16th Annual

## WALK OF HONOR FOR OUR VETERANS

Saturday, May 17, 2024



Crockett Community Center  
850 Pomona Street, Crockett



Check-in 8:30 - 9:30 AM  
Walk begins at 10 AM

Participate in a memorable, leisurely stroll across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors; enjoy yourself while honoring loved ones who have served our country.

Funds raised from this fun community event will benefit the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the Crockett Community Services District.



JOIN US!  
\$30 REGISTRATION  
INCLUDES T-SHIRT &  
BBQ LUNCH

After May 1, registration cost is \$40



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# JOIN VNVDV MEMBERS MAY 17TH 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.

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Crockett Community Center  
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Crockett, CA 94525

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

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**



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- child/grandchild of VNVDV paid member
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- HS Senior and/or current college student

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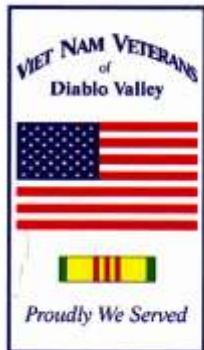
- School transcripts
- Letter of acceptance or enrollment confirmation to 2 or 4 year college/university or accredited trade school
  - "American Veteran" theme based Essay



For more information and/or submissions please contact:  
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VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)**

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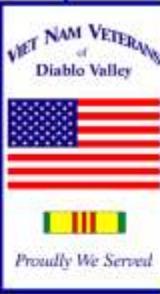
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**Electronic News****To:****VNVDV Members & VIPs**

**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 **Bridges Golf Club, San Ramon**.

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!

**Jonathan "JON" Robbins***Director of Information**Editor / Publisher "INCOMING" News*News E-Mail: [VNVDV.News@gmail.com](mailto:VNVDV.News@gmail.com)*Keep your e-mail address current please!*

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