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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

**Help Distribute 10,000 American Flags with the VNVDV
Danville's Kiwanis 4th of July Independence Day Parade
VNVDV JULY 3RD DINNER MEETING
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July is all about the **4th of July Parade**. But first, we have a meeting the night before.

By now, we have washed and waxed the Huey, put bunting on the Veterans Memorial Building, readied Bill and John's trucks and loaded up the **4,000 flags to be handed out during the parade**.

We muster in front of **San Ramon Valley High School at 8:00 Friday Morning and participate** in the parade by riding, marching with service flags, or handing out flags to the youth. When we reach the end of the Parade route, we put away the gear and head to Luna Loca for traditional pitchers and chips. Then it is off to the Veterans Memorial Building for a BBQ lunch sponsored by the VFW and put on by Lee and Ed.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY JULY 4, 2025

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.

VNVDV MEMBERS WILL HAND OUT FLAGS TO PARADE SPECTATORS.



SPEAKER for the JULY 3RD 5TH DINNER MEETING will be **Terri O'Connor** will discuss the latest research, symptoms and brain health as it relates to veterans. She is the widow of Richard O'Connor who came home from Viet Nam with three Purple Hearts and a lot of damage - PTSD-CTE symptoms and many TBI's.

The Army just had it's 250th Birthday and the City of Dublin and Camp Parks held a party for the occasion at a park outside the gates. A few of us wondered down there, and were glad we did. There was much going on, including a MRE tasting, which we agreed to sponsor. And, yes people were actually lining up to taste the Meal, Ready to Eat delicacies.

Later in the year, the Navy and Marine Corps will also turn 250. I was thinking, maybe we should rent the big hall and have a movie day and show WWII films and serve beer, popcorn and hot dogs. Let me know if you are interested in doing that.

That's it, see you on Thursday Night and Friday Morning.

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PICTURES FROM 2024



THE **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 75** IS HOSTING A **BAR-BECUE 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.



JUNE 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



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 Doug Miller for his presentation on his time in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Doug participated in a very unique program operating with the CIA and specifically CIA Officer Felix Rodriguez assigned to aerial development of tactical operation areas assessment. Doug also provided interesting background information on Felix Rodriguez's many accomplishments.



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

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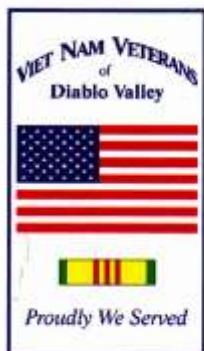
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Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters**

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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**

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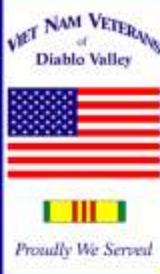
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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. 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
JULY 2025 MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 3RD
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON
DINNER COST WILL BE \$35

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