

JUN 2025



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President



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 JUNE 5TH DINNER MEETING
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First let me say thanks to my first-class group of speakers that were a part of this year's **Memorial Day Ceremony**. Renee, Mary, Marcia, Judy, Mike, Jim, Hugh, Tom and our Poet, Elaine. Then there were the Scouts, branch flag bearers, rifle team, and all who helped set up the camo and take it down, and secure the picnic. And thanks to everyone who showed up to help remember our fallen.

So, remember in January when I said **we still had work to do in improving our image?** I want to get back to that. Since we are almost all retired now, we have a bit of time we can donate to the cause. But how? I would like you all to submit your ideas of ways we can help other veterans or the community. It doesn't need to be a ton of work, just a couple hours a week. Please email or write a note to me with some ideas.

The **Phillips 66 Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex** Management and Employees sponsored the 2025 - 16th annual **WALK of HONOR held on May 17, 2025**. The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley **THANK Phillips 66** for their Sponsorship and special appreciation goes to **Aimee Henry** for her support of Veterans & local community on **Armed Forces Day** in Crockett.



SPEAKER for the JUNE 5TH DINNER MEETING will be **DOUG MILLER, VNVDV Member** presenting his experiences as a helicopter scout pilot and lift pilot with the 3/17 Air Cav Squadron. During his second tour he served with the 12th Aviation Group where he was assigned to fly a CIA agent multiple times a month.



Help out at the VA. Drive the cart around, work in the store or coffee shop, be a greater.

Help out at the Senior Center. Help out on the Monday free lunch program, etc.

Maybe start our own monthly Pancake Breakfast at the VMB. Or monthly Spaghetti dinner

Increase involvement by the community in our building and activities.

Etc., etc. you tell me.

I know we are all getting older, but it is nice to have a **good showing at the 4th of July Parade**. We do need people to carry flags, but if you cannot, please come out and pass out flags to the kids or even just sit in the Huey and wave. After the parade it is off to Luna Loca and then back to the VMB building for the **VFW bbq**.

And sorry the audio system at Bridges is still a bust. Tim Sammons has been trying his best to make it better, but the room is fighting him. The SIRS have the same problem. Tim has not given up yet, so maybe.....

Thanks for everything, see you Thursday

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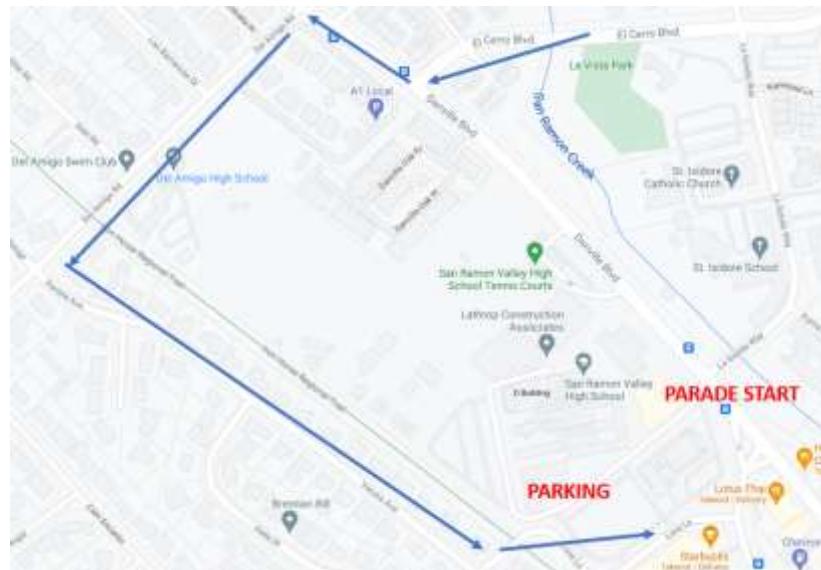
FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY JULY 4, 2025

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.



JULY 4TH 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.



Thank You to Exhibitors and all who Supported the



WALK OF HONOR FOR OUR VETERANS



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May 17, 2025

Crockett Community Center
&
Al Zampa Memorial Bridge



The 2025 Swearing-In Ceremony Sunday May 18 recognized graduating High School seniors who are entering military service or the Academies.



WELCOME TO THE 25TH ANNUAL MILITARY RECRUIT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Today we honor High School students graduating in 2025 and enlisting in the United States Military or entering a Military Academy.



Roll Call of Recruits

Air Force:
Aiden Azrael, Granada High School
Griffin Ruh, Monte Vista High School

US Navy:
Olara Toscano Robles, Livermore High School
Logan Nuckles, Livermore High School
Isabel Martinez, Dougherty Valley High School
Noah Zeehan, Foothill High School
Josh Tristan Mendoza, Foothill High School
Junseok Song, Dublin High School
Jacob Jung, Dublin High School
Christian Dave Angana, Pleasanton Virtual Academy
Julissa Cardaloes, Ocean Grove Charter High School
Logan Clark, California High School

US Marine Corps:
Lance Chermie, Dougherty Valley High School
Moises Trinidad, California High School

Roll Call of Military Academy Appointees

Aiden Berry, Annapolis US Naval Academy - California HS
Alison Cook, Annapolis Naval Academy - San Ramon Valley HS
Breydon Collins, Annapolis Naval Academy - Marinmonte HS

Sunny Anand, West Point - California HS
Matthew Loo, West Point - Dublin HS
Matthew Jo, West Point - Monte Vista HS
Emma Cole, West Point - Beroan Christian School
Nikolai Mladenovic, West Point - Los Lomas HS



33rd Anniversary Memorial Day Remembrance

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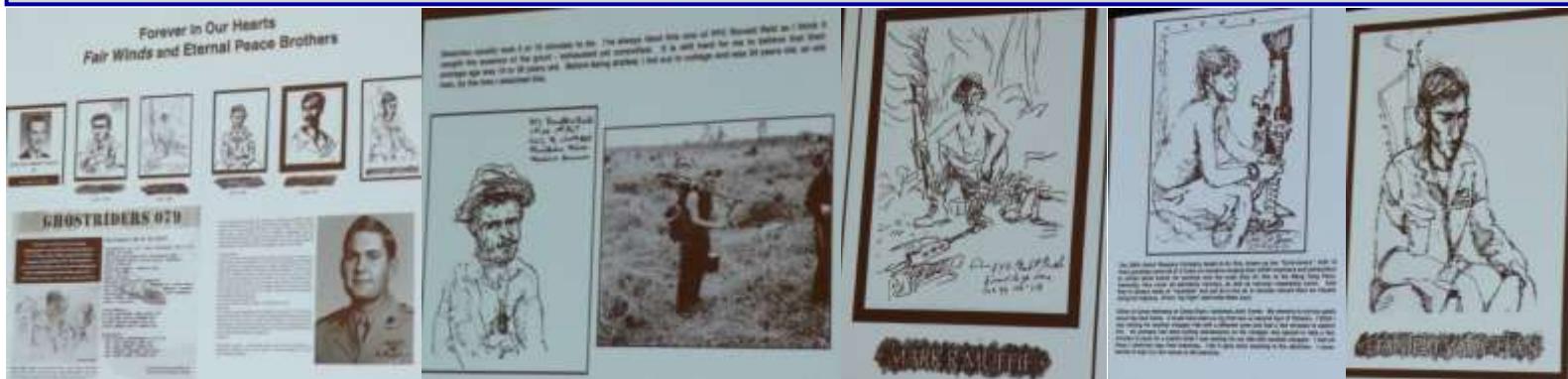
MAY 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



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 Jim Hardy for his presentation on his time in Vietnam as a combat artist. Jim participated in operations with numerous units and sketched the personnel conducting their assigned missions. Jim's original drawings are archived at the Army Museum, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



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

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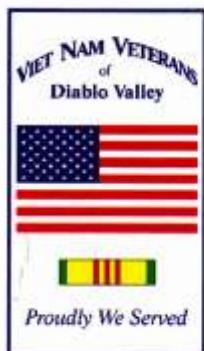


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**VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors
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Questions? See link on AWM Website**

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All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: www.AllWarsMemorial.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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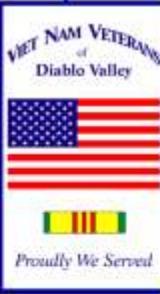
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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!

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