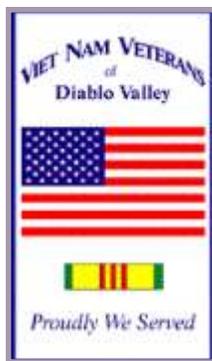


INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

JAN 2026

VNVDV JANUARY 8, 2026 MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON



Dennis Giacovelli II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter this new year, I wish each of you and your families good health, peace, and prosperity. May you find strength in your own well-being, and may this be a year where we not only nurture ourselves but also extend our hearts to those around us who need help the most.

I know, reaching our "Golden Years" often translates into health issues, doctor visits and down time, but when you look around, you might find that there are others in more vulnerable shape. We, as a grass roots Veteran Organization, have a calling, a duty to not only take care of our own, but our community, however we can.

In the spirit of the New Year, let us remember the importance of compassion and service. There are many ways we can make a difference—whether it's through lending a hand, offering kind words, or contributing to causes that bring hope and change. Let's continue to grow together, not just in our personal lives but in our collective commitment to making the world a better place for all, especially our brother and sister veterans.

I look forward to working with you all towards these goals.

Dennis Giacovelli
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VNVDV CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER FEB 8, 2026

VMB DANVILLE, CA

DOORS OPEN 1 PM

SNACK FOOD AND SOCIALIZE

FRESH CRAB DINNER AND FOOTBALL GAME TO FOLLOW

TICKETS ARE \$100

PURCHASE TICKETS: ED BAFFICO
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THE DONATION OF GIFT CARDS FOR A RAFFLE AND LIVE AUCTION ARE REQUESTED (restaurants, Safeway, Starbucks, Home Depot, Target)

JOIN VNVDV FOR THIS GREAT EVENT

SPEAKERS for the JANUARY 8TH DINNER MEETING WILL BE SWORDS TO PLOW SHARES REPRESENTATIVES. THIS



PROGRAM TURNS WEAPONS OF WARFARE INTO TOOLS OF PEACE PROVIDING CORE SERVICES: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, ALL FOR VETERANS.



**VNVDV AWARDS DINNER
DECEMBER 4TH 2025**

**LEE HALVERSON
BOB SADA
TIM SAMMONS
GARY VILLALBA
AWARD RECIPIENTS
2025**



Since the re-building of the Veterans Memorial Building in 2012, there have been constants running the institutions of the building, and they are all members of our organization.

Each recipient has donated hours to the development and maintenance of the Veterans portion of the building and the exhibits which present the history of wars and conflicts that involved the United States Armed Forces and contributions of many local Veterans.



In addition to the **VMB SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE** join the **DOCENT APPRECIATION BRUNCH** that recognizes the tremendous contribution of the **VMB DOCENT VOLUNTEERS**, **Saturday January 10th 9 AM** downstairs at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Past Gary Villalba Award recipients

DECEMBER AWARDS DINNER/GALA

AWARDS DURING THE VNVDV RECOGNITION DINNER

ALL WARS MEMORIAL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE



DAVID BEHRING
ROBERT STOVER
JOHN REESE

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



JOSEPH CALABRIGO
DANVILLE CITY MANAGER

THE "HUEY" HELICOPTER TRANSPORT AND MAINTENANCE TEAM



SCOTT CARR
STEVE MAZAIKA
JIM ORUM (NOT IN PICTURE)

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



KIM HOLMES

VETERAN OF THE YEAR



MIKE FEDDERSEN

PATTY HARRIS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



DAVE SMITH

ROBIN LEMMO

VETERAN OF THE YEAR



Thanks to Dennis Giacovelli for hosting the dinner and preparing the background information on the Award recipients. In addition to Member Awards, VNVDV presented donations to a number of programs to include: CCC VSO, Marine Memorial for Gold Star Parents, East Bay Hospice, Wheelchair Foundation, Blue Star Moms, Operation Santa, Diablo Valley College Veterans, Sentinels of Freedom and the Concord Vet Center.

VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY

Crab Feed & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Sunday February 8, 2026

Buy a Ticket (s) Today
or at the VNVDV
Feb. 6, 2025
Dinner Meeting



Limited Seating
No Tickets
Sold at the Door

Please Support this Event
Fresh Cracked Crab Dinner
Lots of Door Prizes, Live Auction!

Purchase your Ticket(s) by 2/5/26

Contact: Ed Baffico:

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Thank you!



VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY



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\$100.
EACH

SILENT AUCTION

TICKETS
\$100.
EACH

Door Prizes and Wine & Beer Bar

SUN. FEB. 8. 2026

Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley
400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA

DOORS OPEN
1:30 PM

Limited Space Purchase your Ticket(s) by 2/5/26

Contact: Ed Baffico: edgogolf@sbcglobal.net or (925) 831-9678

PURCHASE TODAY • NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!



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Crab Feed & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Sunday February 8, 2026

Donate a Gift Card!

With a \$20-\$25 value

**from a Local Retail Merchant, Restaurant
Fast Food Outlet and/or Coffee House, etc.**

Donated Gift Cards Collected

at our January 8, 2026

Dinner Meeting

Thank you for Your Support!

CRAB FEED 2026 WILL HAVE A FEW CHANGES
THERE WILL BE NO SILENT AUCTION FOR THE 2026 CRAB FEED
GIFT CARDS ARE REQUESTED FROM MEMBERS
THE GIFT CARDS WILL BE USED IN A NEW FORMAT



Yes, there will be a crab feed on February 8, 2026

We are requesting that you bring in Gift Cards to be used on that day. Target, Safeway, Giants, Restaurants, etc. Bring them to the Dinner meetings and give to Ed, our Treasurer. Thank you in advance



2025 VNVDV SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECEPTION



THOMAS SLATTERENGREN



TYLER ROBBINS



LAUREN LEMMO

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE FIVE SCHOLARS AND
THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT
OF BILL GREEN AND JIM
MURPHY CO-CHAIRS OF
THE AWARD COMMITTEE**



NICOLE ALLISON



MAXWELL SWANSON (not able to attend)



I am going to start with something that is very near and dear to us all.

As you probably all know, we lost one of our rocks last year, I am talking about Jerry Yahiro.

We will never forget him, and it seems he has not forgotten us.

Jerry left the Veterans Memorial Building a sizable amount of money in his will.



DECEMBER 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING





2 INCREDIBLE DAYS OF FREE DENTAL CARE

Please join us

Give Special Kids A Smile on February 20th or
Give Veterans A Smile on February 21st.
9:00am - 2:00pm both days.

La Clinica de La Raza - 1203 J St in Union City

Dental Care Provided

All patients will receive a screening, cleaning, and any dental treatment that can be tolerated (fillings, extractions, etc.) Additional services may be provided.



Oral Health Kits will also be provided for all participants.



Give Special Kids A Smile

Feb 20

This event is open to adults and children with intellectual, developmental or physical disabilities. Our clinic is ADA accessible and wheelchair friendly.



Give Veterans A Smile

Feb 21

This event is open to all US armed forces veterans. Please bring you DD214 as proof as eligibility.



Register is required. Register using the QR codes above or at: www.sacds.org



Have questions:

Email us at: info@sacds.org

Call us at: 510-782-5316

VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **JANUARY** BIRTHDAYS

Ron Allen	Army	Bill Kiper	Navy
Alan Perry	Navy	Arthur Gaoiran	Army
Joseph Roberts	Army	Ray La Rochelle	Navy
Bill Hawkins	Army	Rich Lee	Army
Jerry Carlson	Army	Gerald Raver	Army
Tim Sammons	Navy	Mike Feddersen	USMC
Tom Crews	Navy	Carey Battersby	Army
John Bovey	Navy	Robert Burgess	Army
Thurman McCormick		Army	

JOIN VETERANS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS 8:30-12:00. ENJOY COFFEE, PASTERIES AND CONVERSATION. VMB, DANVILLE



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

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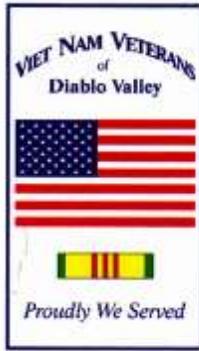
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."

For all your VNVDV Shirts and Hats team with TJ and Power Stitch



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VNVDV SHIRT HAT DISPLAY AT SEPT MEETING

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"



Looking for a unique BIRTHDAY Gift? Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

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 four amazing wheel chair distribution trips to Vietnam.

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 and 2024 trips 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 Commeration - Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.

Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office

OPEN every Wednesday 10-2, appt reqd. 925-313-1481

All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands The New Paver Section with 600 Pavers Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member or patriot with a special AWM Paver Tribute!

1st ENGRAVING COMPLETED—Hopefully 1 in May! Custom Engraving is performed Spring & Fall. Take time to visit the AWM - then the website for an application form. Order your AWM Paver www.AllWarsMemorial.org 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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time of year

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Martinez Clinic

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. PT
Appointments available

Call 1-800-382-8387, press 2 and then option 3, or stay on the line to schedule an appointment.

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



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



Contra Costa TV is channel 32 on Astoria, channel 27 on Comcast, and channel 89 on AT&T U-verse
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

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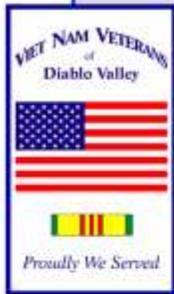
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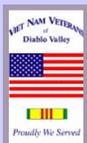
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To:

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. 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
THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON
5 PM SOCIAL 6 PM DINNER
DINNER COST WILL BE \$35