

# INCOMING NEWS



NOV 2023

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

## NOV 2ND MEETING IS ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS



Steve Burchik  
VNVDV  
President

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a lot going on this month with events centered around Veterans Day. Here is the run down.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4** The **San Ramon LIGHTED PARADE** takes place at 6:30 PM and will feature a Lighted Float covered with hundreds of holiday lights. Stephen Frew and Jim Murphy have come up with a great design that recognizes the service of all Viet Nam Veterans. This event does not require a lot of manpower during the parade, so feel free to bring your family to watch the event on the sidelines and cheer loudly when our float passes by.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5** The **Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade** kicks off at 1:00 PM and will include our full-size Huey Helicopter along with our own color guard. All members are encouraged to participate. It's not a long parade and ends up at a welcome spot with fresh brews on tap.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

**VNVDV's dinner of the year...** Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala, DECEMBER 7th,

Social at 5 - Sit-down Dinner at 6

RSVP your MEAL SELECTION TO

[SLATTENGREN.VNVDV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SLATTENGREN.VNVDV@GMAIL.COM)

(925) 216 7139 by NOV 22nd

Appetizer: Shrimp Cocktail - Entre: Filet Mignon / Halibut or Mushroom Ravioli

PRICE \$60 per DINNER

**THERE IS NO OPERATION SANTA CLAUS TOY FUND THIS YEAR**

**SPEAKER for the NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING, Dao Nguyen who will discuss her experiences after leaving South Vietnam at the age of two when she immigrated to the United States with her family as political refugees.**



**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7** The **Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors** hosts a Veterans Day recognition in the Board Chambers at 11:00 AM. The theme this year is especially important for our group **“50 th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIET NAM WAR”**. A special highlight is the fact that **our own Vice President, JAMES HILL will be the Keynote Speaker for this event**. Let's show up in large numbers to support him. A light lunch will also be served in the same building at the end of the event.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10** This is the start of the **3 Day Pop-Up Museum** on Veterans Day weekend. The theme is space and will feature a variety of space-related exhibits and talks as well as traditional military exhibits. The Huey will be parked in front of **the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville**, so be sure to stop by with family and friends.

**VOTE FOR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2024**. The proposed new Slate of Officers for the 2024 Year is listed in this newsletter. You can vote by mail or vote at the Dinner Meeting on November 2nd.

A reminder: Our **next Dinner Meeting is on NOVEMBER 2nd**. Please try to make a point of participating at this gathering of fellow veterans.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the November Dinner Meeting.

**Steve Burchik**  
President  
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# VETERANS DAY 2023 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 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers at 1025 Escobar Street, Martinez.**

**This year, the ceremony will feature a special recognition for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. VNVDV member Jim Hill guest speaker.**

Watch online at [www.contracostatv.org](http://www.contracostatv.org). The celebration will broadcast live on Contra Costa Television channels: Comcast Channel 27, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and Astound Channels 32 and 1027.



# OCTOBER 2023 VNVDV DINNER MEETING - GREAT ATTENDANCE CONTINUES





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**STEVE FREW CONCEPT AND CONSTRUCTION  
WITH JIM MURPHY DIRECTING THE ART WORK**

Veterans Day Parade Pleasanton  
- Sun. Nov 5

Need volunteers for Flags

Contact Mike Slattengren

925 / 216-7139

Muster 11:00 Veterans Bldg. Main  
Street Pleasanton



## 2024 VNVDV Crab Feed

**Sunday - Feb. 11th**

**“Help Sell Tickets”**

**“Donations Needed”**

**For the Feb. 11 Crab Feed donations don't fall from the sky. For this 2024 event Jim Murphy and Jim Hill need everyone's help to make the Auction successful. Contact them to discuss ways to contribute to the success of this fund raiser.**

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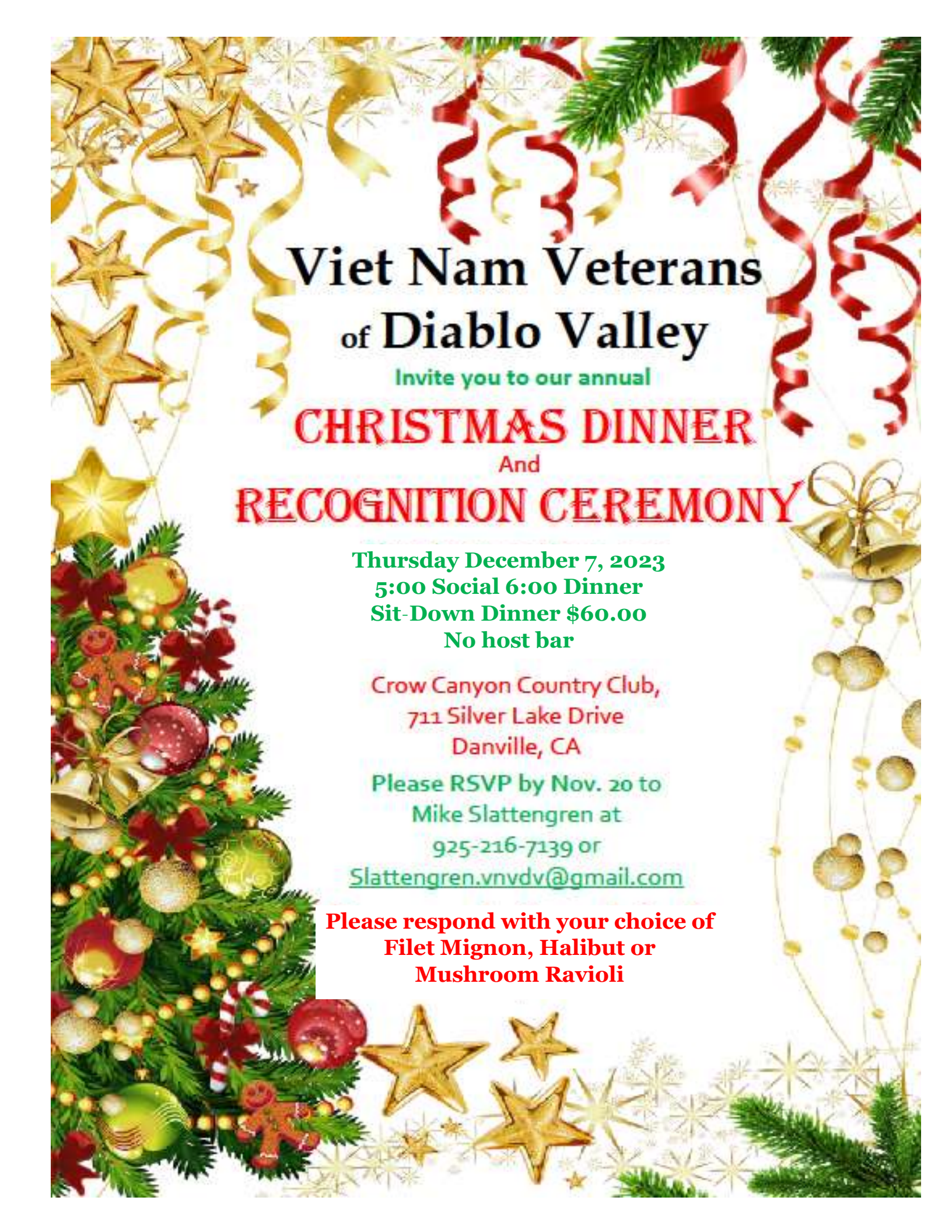
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**Viet Nam Veterans  
of Diablo Valley**  
Invite you to our annual  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
And  
**RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**Thursday December 7, 2023**  
**5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner**  
**Sit-Down Dinner \$60.00**  
**No host bar**

**Crow Canyon Country Club,  
711 Silver Lake Drive  
Danville, CA**

**Please RSVP by Nov. 20 to  
Mike Slattengren at  
925-216-7139 or  
[Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com](mailto:Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com)**

**Please respond with your choice of  
Filet Mignon, Halibut or  
Mushroom Ravioli**

# VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **NOV** BIRTHDAYS

<b>Bud Eckert</b>	<b>Marines</b>	<b>Bill Hodges</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>“TJ” Trujillo</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Lorrie Sammons</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Tom Holstrom</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Gary Pforr</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Steve Mazaika</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Donald Parker</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Phil Stage</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Slatts Slattengren</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Kasey Warner</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Charles Gibson</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Bob Poirier</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>John Ricardo</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Steve Shirey</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Tom Eager</b>	<b>Army</b>
	<b>Dave Corozza</b>	<b>Air Force</b>	

Thanks to the October speaker **JOHN MINDERMAN** for his discussion of the Watergate investigation that lead to his novel "In Pursuit", a gripping tale of a defining moment in American history.



Retired agent John Mindermann reviewed his assignment on C-2, the Miscellaneous Crimes Squad assigned to the Watergate investigation. He revealed little-known facts about the case, including the circumstances leading to the interview of a key witness and the FBI shutdown of the Presidential business offices in the White House.



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

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# DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT

*You are invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the

Danville Town Council

*(Robert Storer, Karen Stepper, Newell Arnerich, Renee Morgan & Dave Fong)*

*and American Legion Post 246*

*Saturday, November 11, 2023*

*7:30 - 10:30 am*



**Location:**  
**Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA**



**VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
A COMPLIMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**





The Veterans Memorial Building  
of San Ramon Valley  
and The Town of Danville

Present the Veterans Day (weekend) Pop-up Museum

# SPACE & ROBOTICS

Including:

Space Force

NASA exhibits

Working Droids

Star Wars reenactors

Models of America's Rockets

USS Hornet F-8 Crusader Cockpit

Presentation by former Astronaut

Local High School robotics team robots

And of course the "Huey" will be out front

Entire Family Event – Free Admission

Friday November 10, 2023 from 9:00 – 5:00

Saturday November 11, 2023 from 9:00 – 5:00

Sunday November 12, 2023 from 10:00 – 3:00



Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley  
corner of Hartz and Prospect, Danville





# VNVDV MEMBER SPEAKERS



**Next Show:** Monday, November 13 @ 7:00 PM

**Show Topic:** "50 Years Since the End of the  
Vietnam War"

**Watch on:** Comcast Channel 27



**Featuring appearances by local Vietnam Veterans:**

**Patrick Leary, Dave Smith, Dennis Giacovelli,  
Eric Ardell, Steven Burchik and Jim Hill.**





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# **ARMY-NAVY GAME**

**December 9, 2023 Kick-off at 12:00**

**Come join your fellow Veterans  
downstairs in the main hall of the  
Veterans Memorial Building  
of San Ramon Valley  
For  
hot dogs, chili, nachos,  
Camaraderie, and The Game  
Bring a side dish and refreshment**







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OF CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 8th  
@ 7:30pm | Walnut  
Creek Presbyterian  
Church

Saturday, December  
9th @ 4pm |  
Dougherty Valley High  
School

Sunday, December  
10th @ 6pm |  
Blackhawk Country  
Club





VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

# Annual Crab Feed & Auction



**Sunday February 11, 2024**

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

**SAVE the DATE**

**More Information to Come!**

IN THE MEANTIME WE NEED DONATIONS.  
PLEASE BE A DONOR OR SPONSOR A DONOR.

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# VETERANS CRISIS LINE.NET / SPREAD THE WORD



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

VeteransCrisisLine.net/SpreadTheWord



Let Veterans know  
they're not alone. Share  
to show your support.



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East Bay California Area  
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## SUICIDE PREVENTION: VA'S INTEGRATED APPROACH

### Enhanced Care Delivery:

- Identify and manage Veterans at high risk of suicide.

### Access and Referral:

- Follow-up on all calls to the Veterans Crisis Line from East Bay Service Area.
- Expedite medical and mental health treatment for Veterans at high risk of suicide.

### Memos, Directives and Admin Items:

- Implement National Office directives regarding suicide prevention practices at a local level.
- In conjunction with other departments in the East Bay Division, assists in developing standard operating procedures of best practices in working with Veterans at high risk.

### Outreach and Awareness:

- Assist Veterans in dealing with crisis by increasing awareness of the Veterans Crisis Line and its services.
- Reach out to Veterans informing them about the medical and mental health services available.

### Training:

- Train all VA staff in all departments on suicide prevention practices and suicide risk assessment.
- Offer training to community mental health providers on suicide prevention, risk assessment and how to refer Veterans to the VA for treatment.

### Evaluation and Research:

- Participate in nation-wide research effort; reporting, analyzing and interpreting data related to suicide prevention from NCHCS to our national office in order to develop more effective suicide prevention efforts.



## [Animal Rescue Foundation \(Veterans' Clinic\)](#)

### Wellness Clinic for Veterans' Pets

Free veterinary wellness care is available through our **in-house clinic** on Wednesdays - ***by appointment only***. For information or to schedule an appointment, Veterans may call (925) 296-3125 (option 7) and leave a message – Name, Pet name, type, & your contact information. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.

Clinics are open to dogs and cats belonging to Veterans of any era (up to two pets per visit). **No non-military civilians will be accepted.** Clients must furnish valid military identification at the time of check-in.

Acceptable forms of military identification include military I.D. card, VA health identification photo card, discharge paperwork with matching photo identification, or Department of Defense Form 214 with matching photo identification.

### [Animal Rescue Foundation \(Veterans' Clinic\)](#)

*2890 Mitchell Drive*

*Walnut Creek, CA 94598 United States*

*(925) 296-3125 (option 7)*

### [Wellness Clinic FAQs](#)

#### **How do I Make an Appointment to Receive Services?**

Our wellness clinics for Veterans' pets are by appointment only. For information or to schedule an appointment, Veterans may call (925) 296-3125 (option 7) and leave a message. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.

#### **What Services Does ARF's Clinic Offer to Veterans?**

Complimentary services provided include:

- Annual wellness exam
- Vaccines
- Heartworm testing for dogs
- FeLV/FIV testing for cats
- Year-round flea, tick, and parasite preventative products
- Spay and neuter (by appointment, clients must visit our wellness clinic for exam first)

#### **Where do I Go for My Appointment?**

Our Veterans clinic entrance can be found past the main adoption entrance and spay/neuter clinic entrance,

#### **What Can I Expect from My Appointment?**

If you are a new client, your Veterans' ID will be checked, and you will be given an information form to fill out about your pet(s). Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times. Cats must be in carriers.

#### **Are There Limits on How Many Pets Can be Seen?**

In order to serve as many Veterans as possible, we limit services to two pets per household per clinic and we provide services to a lifetime maximum of six pets per veterans' household.

#### **Schedule of Events for Veterans**

ARF conducts Wellness Clinics for Veterans' Pet at ARF Headquarters in Walnut Creek on Wednesdays. ***Appointment Required.*** **NOTE:** Currently ARF is ***not*** conducting their Mobile Clinic for Veterans' pets at the **Martinez** VA Medical Centers .

ARF is conducting their Mobile Clinic for Veterans' pets at the Livermore Medical Center on the second Wednesday each month.

***Each month ARF will publish a schedule for the new month on ARFlife.org website.***



# 5 Year Transition Plan-VNVDV

May 1, 2023

**OBJECTIVE:** Plan for an orderly transition of VNVDV organization and activities as age and medical issues impact member's abilities to maintain current levels of activity.

**TRANSITION PLAN:** The general transition plan is to change our legal status from the current IRS 501 (c19) organization to a strictly social organization of Vietnam Veterans.

**TIMING OF CHANGE:** The transition to a social organization does not have a specific date. It will occur when we no longer have enough volunteers to conduct fundraising activities; manage the administrative activities of the group; and provide the manpower for public events such as Memorial Day gatherings or Parades.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The IRS rules require that a nonprofit organization must transfer all remaining assets to another nonprofit organization at the time of dissolution. No decision is being made at this time, but there is some interest in transferring any remaining funds to the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. The VNVDV Board that is in office at the time of this change will make the decision on what group(s) receive these funds.

**MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS:** Since the monthly Dinner Meetings are the most widely attended activity by VNVDV members the plan is to continue to conduct these meetings as long as members are willing and able to attend. A recent poll of the members indicated that the majority prefer to continue meeting at an evening event. That, however, could change in the near future as more members find it difficult to drive at night and the meeting could move to a lunch time event. As it becomes more difficult to meet the minimum attendance requirements of catered venues, we may move to a conventional restaurant with a group room that has no fixed rental charge.

**FUNDRAISING PROJECTS:** Our operating funds currently come from two sources: Crab Feed and the Walk of Honor. Both events are at risk in the near future. The Crab Feed requires a great deal of manpower, especially in the solicitation and management of donations. New Volunteers are not stepping up in the numbers that are needed to make this event worthwhile in the coming years. The Walk of Honor depends on the manpower and financial support of Phillips 66 which is a publicly traded corporation. Corporations can change their priorities quickly based on market conditions and their support can shift to some other community project on short notice. Also, we are in need of New Volunteers to make this event successful.

**COMMUNITY MANPOWER SUPPORT:** We need large numbers of Volunteers for public events such as Parades, Memorial Day events, Veterans Day events etc. The average age of our members is currently 78 1/2 years old. Will you still be willing to carry a flag for one or two miles in two years or four years?

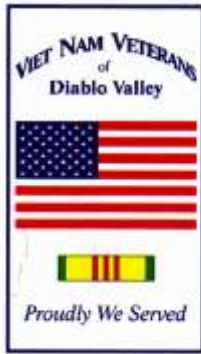
**COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** We support various community groups financially, such as Blue Star Moms, Wheelchair Foundation, Sentinels of Freedom, Veterans Service Office, etc. The funds we disperse depend on the funds we raise. As our fundraising ability diminishes, our disbursements will also have to shrink.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** This program is off to a great start and we would like to keep it going as a "Legacy" project. We will consider making a contribution to some type of trust to provide funds for the future depending on the advice of an attorney.

**TRANSITION TO YOUNGER VETS:** Attempts have been made to attract younger Veterans, but without much success. They find it hard to relate to us and don't see a connection between Iraq and Vietnam. We are working actively to develop a stronger Veterans Group at Diablo Valley College and will continue to do this while we still have some funds to support them.

**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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**VNVDV Members THANK David Behring**

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The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips; 2006, 2012 and the Fall 2019 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 Commeration - Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.**

**Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans**

## **All Wars Memorial**

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**www.AllWarsMemorial.org**  
**Questions? See link on AWM Website**

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*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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*  
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*Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: [www.SentinelsofFreedom.org](http://www.SentinelsofFreedom.org)*  
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*Blue Star Moms #101 website: [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) & Blue Star Moms #20 website: [www.ccbluestarmoms.org](http://www.ccbluestarmoms.org)*  
*VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)*

**VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://www.VMBSRV.org)**

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**Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez**

**- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your  
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!**

# VA is now offering Flu shots at the Martinez Clinic

**Veterans... Are You Utilizing  
Your VA Health Care Benefits?**

The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA  
Health Care coverage & utilizing trained  
professional advocates at our Contra Costa County VSO.  
The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help

**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

**TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR  
QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN  
SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.**



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 Con-  
tra Costa County



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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 **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](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!*

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

- Dennis Giacovelli
- Gary Estrella
- William "Bill" Green
- Ray La Rochelle
- Michael Slattengren
- Jerry Yahiro
- John Estes
- Del Loewe
- Tim Hart
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- Bill Picton
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**DINNER MEETING NOVEMBER 2ND,**  
**CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB**

**MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS**

**1st THURSDAY of each Month**

at **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB** in Danville, CA

Social Hour at 1700 - Dinner at 1815 - Guest Speaker - **Join Us!**

Featuring **"Chef's Special Buffet Dinner"** - **\$30** **RSVP NOT Required!**

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# MARTINEZ VA FLU SHOTS



Get your Flu Vaccine

Escape the weekday traffic!!!!

Come on Saturday Oct 14, 2023

or

Saturday Oct 28, 2023

From 9 am to 3 pm

**Location: Martinez Vaccine Clinic Building AB6**

*\*Accommodations for those with mobility issues will be provided*



**We put  
Veterans first!**



**VETERANS'  
VOICES**

**Next Show:** Monday, October 9 @ 7:00 PM

**Show Topic:** "What I Wish I Knew When I Became a Civilian"

**Watch on:** Comcast Channel 27



**Joshua Zebley-Contra  
Costa County VSO**





# Exchange Club Remembers 9/11 at AWM



**9/11 REMEMBER**  
WORLD TRADE TOWERS BOMBED 30 YEARS AGO



**World Trade Towers Bombed 30 Years Ago**



**SPEAKER MAX NOEL  
31 YRS FBI**

**SEPT 11 2023  
5:30-6:30 pm**





# Nominations Open for Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 2024 Officers & Board of Directors Election at November 2nd Meeting

**Nominations are OPEN for 2023 Officers & Directors - as announced at the September Membership Dinner Meeting & mentioned in the INCOMING News. President Steve Burchik appointed Past President Dennis Giacobelli as Chair of the Recruitment & Nomination Committee for 2023. He also appointed Dave Smith to serve as official member of the 2023 committee for the Election of Officers & Directors for the VNVDV. Past President Dennis Giacobelli expressed he is *looking for a few good men...* to serve on the Board in 2024. 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... Jerry Yahiro - Mike Weber or Rich Lambert.** The Official Ballots will be distributed at the November 2nd 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 2, 2023**. 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, 2023** 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 2023 Election is for the 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 Steve Burchik** 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 2024 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.