

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our March Membership meeting was well attended with over 70 people showing up for a great meeting and dinner.

The Gold Star Parents portion of the March meeting was very successful. We inducted 9 Gold Star Families as Honorary Members into our Organization. I received many wonderful and touching comments from the participants, all heartfelt. All of you responded sincerely. and warmly to the recognized Gold Star Families and they were very pleased and touched by your sincerity. We all did a good thing!!!

**Mike Feddersen** gave us a very good presentation about the "**VETS ROLL**" organization and mission. This program is similar to Honor Flights but with a different twist. For more information about how to sign up for this grand opportunity contact Mike.

The **Spring Scholarship Program** deadline is rapidly approaching. Just two weeks until the mid -April deadline for submitting applications. As a reminder VNVDV are prepared to award four \$1000 Scholarships that are available to children and grandchildren of active Members, Please contact Bill Green or Jim Murphy for more application details.



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The WALK OF HONOR event will be held on Armed Forces Day Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The route crosses the Carquinez Bridge in Crockett. Early registration is open. Just go to this link to register **https//www.sfrwalkofhonor.com** (Note: The registration fee jumps to from \$30 prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> to \$40 on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Register now. It is easy. Fifty percent of the Event proceeds are donated to the VNVDV and this generous Event sponsored by Phillips 66 is essential to the Programs offered by VNVDV. Member participation is essential. If you cannot attend the Event, register, notify Mike Slattengren you cannot attend, and the Event Tee Shirt will be saved for you.

Viet Nam Veterans Member Volunteers are needed to support the **Memorial Day Remembrance at Oak Hill Park in Danville**. The event starts at 10:00 AM on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>. This is my favorite event of the year supported by VNVDV. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors. Volunteers, please report to help set up by 8:30. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

We have a six-month contract in hand for our new Member meeting venue. The Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon, located on Bollinger Canyon Road 3 miles East of Highway 680. It is a really nice facility with beautiful views of the golf course. Dinners and bar service will be provided. I believe our members will be pleased.

Many thanks to **Dennis Giacovelli** for pursuing and nailing down this ne meeting home for VNVDV.

A Reminder: These membership meetings are for you. Please plan to attend, enjoy a good meal and fellowship with your fellow Veterans. See you there.

**Jim Hill President** PH (510) 410-1040 jamauihill@yahoo.com





Honor Veterans Walk in their Honor at the Phillips 66 WALK of HONOR SAT - May 18, 2023 REGISTER: SERWALKOFHONOR.COM



# **MARCH 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING**



# viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

### SCHOLARSHIP

## Program Structure/guidelines ELIGIBILITY

child/grandchild of VNVDV paid member

One time issue

HS Senior and/or current college student

### REQUIRED

School transcripts

 Letter of acceptance or enrollment confirmation to 2 or 4 year college/university or accredited trade school

"American Veteran" theme based Essay

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For more information and/or submissions please contact: Jim Murphy - 925 858-2618 • jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com Bill Green - 925 683-3293 • billgreen@aol.com Gold Star Parents



# VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY RECOGNIZE GOLD STAR PARENTS WITH HONORARY MEMBERSHIP



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# JOIN VNVDV MEMBERS MAY 18TH 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.

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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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Saturday, May 18, 2024 Check in: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. "Walk" begins at 10:00 am

Crockett Community Center 850 Pomona Street Crockett, CA 94525

Register online at www.SFRWalkofHonor.com Community Friends & Supporters... Help us celebrate again and enjoy our third annual combined

# Veterans Service Organization CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER





















#### Sign up today for the 15th Annual Walk of Honor for our Veterans event on Saturday, May 18, 2024!

Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

Check-in 8:30 am - 9:30 am at the Crockett Community Center/ Walk will begin at 10:00 am

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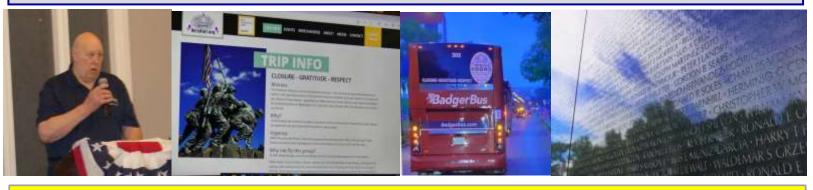
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Doug Miller	Army	Harry Fuller	Army
<b>Del Loewe</b>	Navy	<b>Dennis Giacovelli</b>	Navy
<b>Michael Ebert</b>	Army	<b>Robert Romero</b>	Navy
<b>Dave Richardson</b>	Army	<b>Rich Lambert</b>	Navy
Tom McHale	USMC	Steve Risk	USMC



Thanks to the March Speaker *Mike Feddersen, VNVDV Member,* for his presentation on "VET ROLL" a program to recognize Veterans and honor them for their service.





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

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