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MAR 2024

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Armed Forces Day ~ the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Membership Veterans it is with a heavy heart that I start my monthly message by announcing the passing of our long-time member and last years' President, Steve Burchik. Surrounded by his Wife, Christina, and Family Steve died of cancer at 2:15 AM, 2/25/2024, at Burns Hospice Home in Alamo. Steve passed peacefully, comfortably and without pain.

Our Director-at-Large, Fred Granados, prepared and hand delivered a "Thinking of you" card when Steve was transferred to the Bruns Hospice House. Fred also prepared and sent a Sympathy card to Christina and Family. Both cards were signed from "Your Veterans Friends of VNVDV". I am sure you all feel the same as I that Steve will be sorely missed.

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STEVE BURCHIK

FEBRUARY 1948 - FEBRUARY 2024



SPEAKER for the MARCH 7TH DINNER MEETING Mike Feddersen - VNVDV



Member and "Always a Marine". Mike will discuss "VETS ROLL" a program for VETERANS' RECOGNI-TION that uses a bus tour to honor Veterans.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

Steve was very active in Veteran support activities. In addition to VNVDV he was involved in "Veteran Voices", Author of several books focusing on his Viet Nam service, displaying both his wordsmith and photographic skills. Also he was often asked to speak of his Military experience at many different local organizations.

As our President, Steve led our group skillfully and successfully. He tackled difficult projects, particularly the 5-step plan for the future of our Organization.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" event held for Steve probably in a month or so. There will an announcement and we will get the word out as plans are confirmed. If you wish to send a personal message to Christina and Family please contact Fred for mailing address information.

At this month's meeting we will be inviting 7 Gold Star families to attend and vest them as Honorary Members of VNVDV. This action was long overdue and was unanimously voted by your Board of Directors. The seven Contra Costa County Gold Star Families will be presented a Certificate of Honorary Membership into the VNVDV.

The purpose of this vesture is to continue to recognize the loss of their Sons who gave the "last full measure" while serving to protect our Country and way of life. At the same time we also recognize the pain and sacrifice they as, Family and parents, continue to endure.

We at VNVDV will continue to honor and support them as is our duty.

Crow Canyon Country Club, which is under new ownership, will cease providing Banquet functions after June 2024. Our last meeting at this venue will be June 6th this year. Your Board has been activity searching for an alternative site. We are looking for both temporary and permanent places to conduct our monthly meetings. We will keep you all update as to our progress.

Please take notice throughout this newsletter of the various upcoming events with which you can participate. Here are a few:

March – Corn Beef and Cabbage Banquet and Auction March 16 5:00PM

May – Annual Walk of Honor, May 18. Sponsored by Phillips 66 and Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27 located at Oak Hill Park next to Monte Vista H.S. in Alamo. Open to the Public.

Plan to participate in these very fine events. I know you would enjoy all as they are first rate events.



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





SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024

Fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial Building

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Good Food, Good people, Good time Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffle

All funds collected go directly to the VMB Operating Committee to pay for the operating expenses 8 activities produced by the Veterans

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Veterans Memorial Building

400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA

FEBRUARY 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



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



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

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VNVDV LIFE MEMBER

FVSO PRESIDENT

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Patrick Leary
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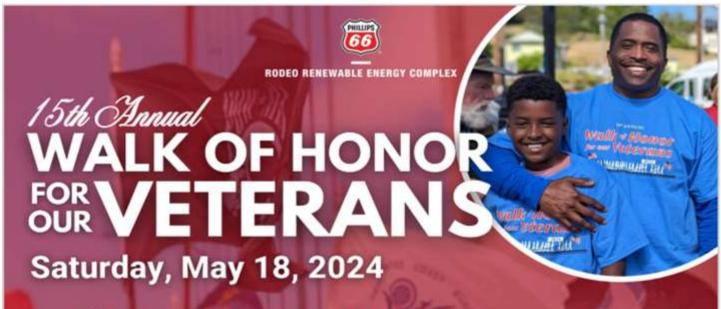


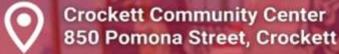
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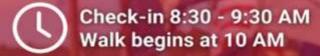
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SATURDAY MAY 18TH CROCKETT







Participate in a memorable, leisurely stroll across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors; enjoy yourself while honoring loved ones who have served our country.

Funds raised from this fun community event will benefit the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the Crockett Community Services District.



JOIN US! \$30 REGISTRATION INCLUDES T-SHIRT & BBO LUNCH



After May 1, registration cost is \$40





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.

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.

Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors! Presenting Sponsors





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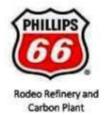
15th Annual



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









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

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

Registration Form

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Saturday May 18, 2024

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Alex Siddo Marine John Kelly Army

Patrick McCall Air Force Bob Paulson Army

Larry McKenzie Army Gary Phipps Navy

Dennis Petersen Army Skip Lausten Army

Scott Randle Army

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







Thanks to the February Speaker *Steve Frew, VNVDV Member,* for his presentation on Emergency Preparation and Practical Tips On How to Protect Yourself.





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

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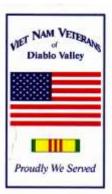
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The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips, 2006, 2012 and the Fall 2019 to VietNam. Wheel Chairs Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

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

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All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands The New Paver Section with 600 Pavers

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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

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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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Fax: (925) 372-2804

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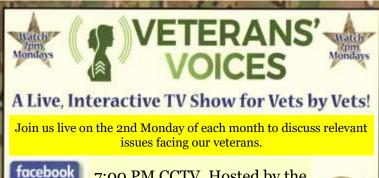
Veterans... Are You Utilizing Your VA Health Care Benefits?

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

isit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.

"VETERAN VOICES" THE SECOND

Monthly Show Topics IMPORTANT to VETERANS & Recently Discharged/Returning VETS SUPPORT - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer





7:00 PM CCTV, Hosted by the Veterans Service Office Contra Costa County

"VETERAN VOICES" on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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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 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. 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 MARCH 7TH, 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!

