



# INCOMING NEWS



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

MAY 2024

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

## VNVDV MAY 2nd DINNER MEETING CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB



JIM HILL  
VNVDV  
President

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had one of the **best attendance records** for the **April Dinner Meeting** with more than 70 people showing up for a great dinner. A special thanks go to **Fred Granados** for coordinating a wonderful speaker, **Dave Smith**, one of our own. Dave provided a detailed account of an eleven-day air battle over North Viet Nam in 1972. The objective was to bring North Viet Nam to the Peace Table for meaningful negotiations for ending the war.

While we appreciate the presentations by non-members who provide valuable and interesting information at our meetings, we still prefer hearing from our own members. Many of you have shared your experience as the speaker at our dinner meetings. There are also a number of you who have not shared. Please consider this as a formal request to step forward to share your story. We have resources available to scan your old photos, or clippings and use them with our projector. It is not necessary to write a detailed speech. Just advise us what pictures to use arranged in a chronological sequence with a description what is going on in each photo.

### SPEAKER for the MAY 2ND DINNER MEETING



Dao Nguyen will provide Chapter II of her journey from Vietnam to the United States. In addition Dao will provide information about the Honor Flight Program.

There are two major Annual Events that our organization actively participates in this month.

The **Walk of Honor Event** will be held, Saturday, May 18, 2024. The route crosses the Carquinez Bridge in Crockett. Registration is open. **The cost is \$40.00 which includes a shirt and a free lunch.** There will be a raffle and silent auction as well. All you have to do is show up and participate in the walk (optional) and the other fun events offered. Remember VNVDV will receive 50% of the proceeds generated at this event, usually \$15K plus! Details are in this newsletter.

The second event, a week later, is The **Memorial Day Remembrance** that the VNVDV sponsor at Oak Hill Park on May 27, 2024. It is one of our highlights of the year, and of course there is no charge. After the main program is completed we will have a picnic for our members and spouses. Jersey Mike's sandwiches will be provided, and members please bring appetizers and drinks. It's always a fun time. Come and enjoy this favorite. **NOTE: SITE SET UP IS AT 8:30 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, COFFEE AND DONUTS PROVIDED**

A reminder: Our next Dinner Meeting is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is important we maintain attendance at the Monthly Dinners. We are committed to 50 people at the dinner to avoid a financial penalty. Please try and 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 dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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*Honor Veterans Walk in their Honor at the Phillips 66 WALK of HONOR*

**SAT - May 18, 2023**

**REGISTER:**

**SFRWALKOFHONOR.COM**



# APRIL 2024 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



**All are invited to attend the 2024 Swearing-In Ceremony Sunday May 19 to recognize graduating High School seniors who are entering military service or the Academies. Danville Library, Front Street at 1 PM**

Veterans Memorial Building  
of the San Ramon Valley

Is proud to present the 2024  
Recruit Recognition  
and  
Swearing-in Ceremony



## MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

MONDAY MAY 27, 2024

OAK HILL PARK 3005 STONE VALLEY ROAD

DANVILLE

SET-UP 8:30 - MUSIC 10:00 AM - PROGRAM  
11:00

SPEAKER: BILL GREEN, VNVDV MEMBER



# 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!

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#### RODEO RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

Proudly Presents the

*15th Annual*

WALK OF HONOR  
FOR OUR  
  
VETERANS

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](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)



Rodeo Refinery and Carbon Plant



Sign up today for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Early Registration \$30.00, after May 1, 2024, Registration is \$40 (T-shirt and BBQ included)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City, State, Zip

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Walking in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Name(s)

T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL (Please circle one)

Please make checks payable to: SFR Community Fund, (Tax ID#45-2483804). Mail registration form along with check to:

Phillips 66, Attn: Aimee Henry, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

Register online at [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)

#### Participant Waiver

*Participation waiver must be filled out completely. Application deadline is May 15, 2024.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from all liability or claims of injury of whatsoever nature which may be incurred by me because of my voluntary participation in the Walk of Honor for our Veterans event sponsored by Phillips 66 on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

**Media/Photographic Release.** Participants do hereby grant and convey unto Phillips 66 and our sponsors all rights, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Phillips 66 during the activities with respect to the Walk of Honor, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

I further represent and certify to Phillips 66, its officers, employees, agents and assigns that I am physically able to do the various things enumerated above without limitation, and that I have no disabilities which might prevent me from doing the same.

**All banners, flags, or apparel worn or carried in the WALK are subject to the approval** of the Walk of Honor Committee. Non-compliance with this policy will subject offenders to eviction from the WALK or banquet and forfeiture of their application fee.

I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participation in this event and has given me permission to participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARTICIPANT (If not age 18 or older, parent/guardian must co-sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN

(Undersigned has read the above and understands this waiver.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For additional information, please contact Aimee Henry at 510.245.5130

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Saturday  
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# VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY *MAY* BIRTHDAYS

Bob Moore - Army

Jim Morrill - Navy

Dennis Stogner - Army

Gene Ghio - Army

Jim Oram - Army

Skip George - Army

Alan Kalin - Army

Mike Houston - Air Force

Mike Hampton - Navy

Chris Mezzapelle - Air Force

Mike Stalcup - Army

Ron Azarcon - Air Force

Steve Mick - Navy

Esteban Ramirez - Army

Mark Connors - Air Force

Shelley Hansen - Navy

John Domde - Army

John Cahill - Army

Lynn Snyder - Air Force

Paul Derby—Navy

Marcia Estrella

Thanks to the April Speaker *Dave Smith, VNVDV Member*, for his presentation on “OPERATION LINEBACKER II” the Christmas bombing of Hanoi in 1972



THE 11 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS  
18 - 29 DECEMBER 1972



LONG TERM AFFECT

- POW's returned
- Temporarily stopped N.V. advance
- U.S. forces withdrawn
- LINEBACKER II did NOT stop N.V.'s aim of uniting the country



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

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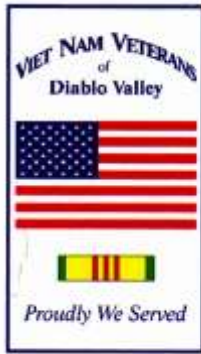
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The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips; 2006, 2012 and the Fall 2019 to VietNam. Wheel Chairs Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

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**

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

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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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*  
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*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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**- 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.**

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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](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!*

**To:**

**VNVDV Members & VIPs**

**DINNER MEETING**  
**MAY 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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