

VNVDV Speaker's Bureau exceeds 50,000 students participating in educational presentations on the Vietnam War

Speaker's Bureau teams-up with Vietnam Helicopters, Inc taking the 25th Inf. Div. UH-1 Huey to many local high schools to provide actual history of Vietnam to students.



(U-L) **Bill Green** co-chair of the VNVDV Speaker's Bureau shares a story with students at Monte Vista High School after his formal presentation. The UH-1 Huey's "LZ" - a grass field behind the HS with hundreds of students waiting
 (U-R) **Mike Martin** also a co-chair of the Speaker's Bureau with MV/ HS a key teacher responsible for coordinated & supporting live history education of the Vietnam War using VNVDV speaker's bureau who teaming-up with **Vietnam Helicopters**, to provide real *hands-on experiences* with the 25th Inf. Div. Huey.



Pearl Harbor Survivor **Mickey Ganitch** (93) spoke to *lots* of students & even had an opportunity to "tell stories" to some pre-school children & parents. Playing next door - in Oak Hill Park & hearing the distinctive "*wop-wop*" of the 25th Inf. Div. UH-1 Huey as it approached the LZ at Monte Vista High School VNVDV member **Joe Callaway** invited his grandchildren to come out to see the helicopter land. Joe was *aboard* & wearing a family WW II jacket & his own Vietnam field jacket (yes - it was cool & windy) as the **Vietnam Helicopter's fully-restored Huey** made multiple, *special educational history visits* in the Diablo Valley to further education & keeping history alive & interesting for students.

During May, San Ramon Valley High School *juniors* study the Vietnam War... and the VNVDV along with **Vietnam Helicopters**, made this history lesson "real"... transporting veterans who actually served in multiple conflicts. This "flight team" included two **Pearl Harbor Survivors** - Korean War veteran - "assorted" Vietnam veterans & one pilot who served in the Gulf War. The Huey landed at the school allowing students to speak with these veterans - ask questions & get photos with the UH-1 Huey - **A plus...** in history education! : jr