

INCOMING



JULY 2011
Edition

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

4th of July Parade in Danville Celebrate Independence Day

Land of the Free - Home of the Brave

Join the VNVDV for the annual Kiwanis 4th of July Parade in Danville on Monday starting at 9AM sharp down Hartz Ave.

“Recognizing Our Future Leaders” with **American Flags**

President's JULY Message

THE VNVDV WILL FEATURE THE USMC - 191ST ARMY BAND - A UH-1 HUEY - SPECIAL TRIBUTE BLUE ANGEL - 9/11 - MIA/POW VEHICLES WITH WARRIORS WATCH RIDERS



**Jerry Yahiro
President 2011**

“Don't miss the Kiwanis Parade in Danville the best hometown parade in the bay area!



July 7th dinner meeting we have **KATHY STRONG** a very special guest speaker don't miss this great evening at Crow Canyon Country Club.

I want to take thank all those who assisted in the preparation, set-up, and presentation of the Memorial Day Observance, Monday, May 30, 2011, at Oak Hill Park, Danville. Thank you also to the GWOT veterans (Global War On Terror) from the Concord Vet Center, and the facility and students from the Dublin Christian School for your help. Special thanks go to Pete Ruben and Mai, for the wonderful ribs that they “qu’ed”. Once again, your “Grill Sergeant” & “Grill Corporal” barbecuing skills were outstanding and very much enjoyed and appreciated by all!

Thank you all!

Almost weekly now in our East Bay community, someone, serving in our Armed Forces, returns home, from deployment, on leave or upon being discharged from duty. “WELCOME HOME” e-mails are sent to all, notifying us of his/her return.

We, as Vietnam veterans, more so than others, should understand, that returning home from a war zone, or being discharged from service, can be traumatizing. Most of us never got the “welcome home” reception and “thank you for serving” recognition, which we so well deserved. We owe it to these current Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coasties, to show them that their service is indeed recognized and appreciated

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Daughters of the American Revolution DAR will be carrying a *Garrison Flag* - 20ft x 38ft in this year's Kiwanis 4th of July Parade with VNVDV



191st ARMY Band joins us in the 4th of July Parade



The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley ready to participate in the 2011 Kiwanis 4th of July Parade in Danville distributing **12,000 American Flags free** to future leaders & patriots along the parade route again this year according to Event Director Ray LaRoche. *Many other special treats!*

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OPERATION WELCOME HOME a "team effort" in the East Bay

California Warriors

Watch Rider

Fred "SPIKE" Schau

VETERAN of the YEAR!



Members of your VNVDV Board of Directors attend these events to welcome these returning men and women. The VNVDV presents a certificate to these individuals thanking them for their service and welcomes them home. The certificate also represents the other veteran service organizations (VSO's), in the Danville area, the **Veterans of Foreign War (VFW)**, the **American Legion** and the **Marine Corps League**.

However, as an organization, our attendance and participation, in these **WELCOME Home's** has been **SPARSE!** As Vietnam vets... **WE SHOULD DO ALL WE CAN DO TO SHOW THEM THAT WE APPRECIATE THEIR SERVICE AND WELCOME THEM HOME!** Give them the **WELCOME HOME** that we never got.

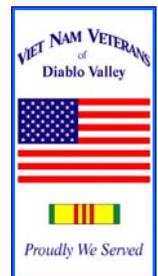
I encourage you... and ask that you attend these ceremonies... especially those in your local community - whenever possible. The ceremonies are usually brief, informal, and high spirited, attended by family, friends, neighbors, vets, Blue Star Moms, patriots, local public officials, and the local fire house. **These returning men and women not only really appreciate it, but also DESERVE IT!**

Arrangements can be made to have the certificate which we present, made in advance, so it can be presented to them. If you are interested in joining us, let me know, and I will be more than glad to include you in these events. We look forward to seeing you there next time around!

See you all at the **Danville, 4th of July Parade** on Monday, July 4th. Remember, this year **the Parade starts at 0900 hrs (9:00 AM)** and **formation is at 0800 hrs (8:00 AM)**, and to **wear your official VNVDV attire**.

Thank you.

Jerry Yahiro
President 2010 - 2011



Warrior Watch Rider Fred "SPIKE" Schau was honored by District Fifteen Assemblymember Joan Buchanan this month for his Welcome Home efforts Honoring those who serve our nation in uniform. Spike organizes and schedules the WWR riders for every "escort. He personally rides on every mission possible - driving in all types of weather - day and night... picking-up our local service members at the airport upon arrival when they return home.

It was really not a question of who was Veteran of the Year for 2011 according to Assemblymember Buchanan and members of her staff as they reviewed veteran service in her District. One individual stood out!

A reception was held for Spike at her San Ramon Offices attended by representatives from every Veteran Service Organization and group serving our military and veterans in the East Bay. Spike also participated in a luncheon in Sacramento.

Congratulations to our friend & fellow veteran WWR "Spike"

Photo by Sandee Wiedemann.

Guest Speaker **KATHY STRONG** will share her amazing story with us on the 7th - first Thursday of July at Crow Canyon Country Club. The story of an MIA lasting 38 years

**VIET NAM VETERANS - SERVED WITH PRIDE...
and VNVDV IS STILL SERVING OUR
VETERANS - ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY &
COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE & HONOR**

Diablo Valley's ...

MEMORIAL DAY 2011

A GREAT SUCCESS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO SUPPORTED & PARTICIPATED
IN THE MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBRANCE... SPEAKERS -
MILITARY - VOLUNTEERS
GUESTS AND VETERANS

Be In the Parade!



Diablo Valley Flag Brigade is looking for volunteers **NOT** in other parade units on the 4th of July... Fellow Patriotic Friends - Welcome Home Families and Active Duty Military... the **Diablo Valley Flag Brigade** is participating in the Danville 4th of July Parade and looking for folks that are not participating in any of the other veteran units in the parade. They want YOU to join them - to walk or ride on their "**Diablo Valley Flag Brigade**" float. The DVFB will provide flags, cold water and for seniors, we will have a seat on the float, or a ride in the M-35 Troop carrier pulling our float. If interested please RSVP - Call (925) 212-9260 or email www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com. Your chance to be in the center of the parade.

JULY SPEAKER KATHY STRONG

For Kathy Strong, wearing an MIA bracelet for 38 years was an act of faith, as well as an act of patriotism.

This precocious child at age 12 after receiving the bracelet in her Christmas stocking promised to wear it until the soldier whose name it bore – James Moreland – came home.

At the time in early 1970s, thousands of people throughout the country wore similar bracelets bearing the names of soldiers who were Prisoners of War or Missing in Action in Vietnam, through a program honoring the commitment not to forget them. Many did see the soldiers return alive. For others, their remains were found and returned to their families.

As the years passed, most people removed the bracelets, considering them a fad, but not Strong. She kept her commitment and said she often thought about what it would be like to meet James Moreland. Please come to hear this real life story about this impressionable young individual and into her adult life honored commitment and dedication to the name of a soldier, James Moreland. With time she would meet her hero.

The VietNam Veterans pay homage to our MIA's at our monthly meetings with a table set for one, symbolic of their return home. As former warriors we shall never forget our fallen hero's let alone our MIA's. We encourage you to be in attendance to hear about this true Patriot and her hero, James Moreland that she would eventually meet.

Kathy now in her adult life embodies character traits that most people hold dear: faith, hope, love, honor, respect, integrity and above all unwavering patience. Please be present to hear and meet this compassionate individual.

Note: Kathy was featured in the Contra Costa Times... and now shares her story with the VNVDV in July.





Operation Welcome Home Events

ALL PHOTOS by - Sandee Wiedemann



Recognition of active-duty military service members is one of the most worthwhile activities VSO members are able to perform. Members of the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - VFW #75 - American Legion #246 - Marine Corps League #942 make-up the San Ramon Valley Veterans. They attend and thank each returning veterans for serving and welcome them home and present a certificate of appreciation.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE AT A WELCOME HOME EVENT?

It is easier than you might think...

Obtain the location... bring your **Flag** - have a smile inside you or a handshake-on-you - keep a sincere Thanks for their service in your heart and Share all this with the returning service member when you see and Welcome them. Then - **Feel good inside...**



Warriors Watch Riders Welcome Home "Escort"

As veterans our attendance at these **Welcome Home** events for returning military service members is part of what each of our VSO organizations is all about... especially if you remember when you came home. Our common goal should always be to make their "**WELCOME**" one... they will **NEVER FORGET** - telling the story... to their unit - friends -

family for years to come. It is important how a community treats and respects those who serve our nation in uniform. Thanks again for your support and attendance at this very important community Welcome Home events. By the way... we have been asked... **What should I do or bring to a Welcome Home?** That's quite simple... You can bring your **Flag** to wave - a **smile** - and have a handshake or a hug ready... along with your sincere appreciation and thanks for their service to our country! Not too difficult, in fact - simple! Try to attend as many of these events you can - since many are short notice and last only about an hour.



Ray LaRochelle, Mike Slattengren, Gene Ghio from the VNVDV join up with American Legion Chuck Brydon & Dick Seavey and members of the VFW and MCL for a Danville Welcome Home.

Join fellow veterans & the community... along with the Blue Star Moms - MCL - VFW - Legion Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - military groups to Thank our Military for serving.

This is part of what being a veteran is all about... Remember when we came home... Now let's Welcome them Home the Right Way!



4TH OF JULY PARADE

KIWANIS



United States Marine Corps Color Guard

Danville's annual **Kiwanis 4th of July Parade** is just around the corner... this next **Monday!** According to **VNVDV Director of Events Ray LaRoche** & **Parade Chair Gene Ghio** - **ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend** - to assist in distributing the **12,000 AMERICAN FLAGS** we purchased. To maintain our organizational image all members are requested to wear the official VNVDV White Polo Golf Shirt & encouraged to wear your military ribbons, medals & devices on your shirt - authorized by both the DOD & VA on all holidays.

Our Military Service Colors... to those who are volunteering for the Military Service Colors Team and will be carrying your Service Branch Flag in the parade... be sure your in our official uniform consisting of the VNVDV white shirts - dark blue cotton slacks - white tennis shoes - our VNVDV white ball cap. **ALL VETERAN & Military Units** are to *muster* at the parking lot next to the tennis courts at the SRV High School on Hartz Avenue no later than **0800** for instruction. The parade will start this year at **9:00 AM Sharp!** Our VNVDV Service Color Unit and Banner will take **eight** men... and we will need another thirty-five to forty to conduct our *annual distribution* of **12,000 American Flags FREE** to school children as we are ... **"Recognizing our Future Leaders"** along the parade route this year.

Leading our group in the parade will be the military's finest... the **USMC Color Guard** from Concord - followed by our VNVDV Banner and the VNVDV members carrying the Military Service Branch Colors and the MIA/POW Flag. We are once again extremely fortunate to have with us this year the outstanding 191st ARMY Band - providing traditional patriotic music throughout the parade. The VNVDV Parade Truck also known as the "Flagmobile" owned by VNVDV member John Reese will be on hand loaded with the 12,000 flags for distribution and ice water for our members. Our "Flag Mobile" is a 1949 International Harvester KB-1 Pick-Up Truck, hopefully moving slowly along with the VNVDV members distributing flags to allow they re "re-load" throughout the parade route. The truck also transports the flags and service colors and banners to and from the parade site. Following the Parade Truck will be the **DAR** - the **Daughter's of The American Revolution** join us this year to carry the very large 20' x 38' "**Garrison Flag**," which should be a real crowd pleaser. The famed Concord VET Center **UH-1 Huey Helicopter** owned by the VET Center and the AMVETS Post #26 joins the VNVDV again this year in the parade and it will be loaded with "**scouts**" from **Cub Pack 1776** from San Ramon - these "**future leaders**" proudly riding aboard the Huey. Of course the **Model H Huey** cannot go anywhere without an escort and who better than our very own **Warriors Watch Riders**. This year the WWR are including their three "tribute vehicles" honoring the **Blue Angels** - **Remembering 9/11** and our **MIA/POW** with these special Vettes.

The VNVDV also supports the joint Veterans Memorial Building float this year - promoting the building campaign to increase awareness of the construction project to obtain more support from the community with donations and pledges. This **VMB** is a veteran project specifically for our **FUTURE LEADERS**... many who are currently serving now.

This year the parade **ENDS** at Sycamore Valley and all veteran and military units will **TURN RIGHT** into the LIVERY at Sycamore Valley. The **only** units going straight will be large - long floats that cannot make-the turn such as the HUEY & its escorts - all others will turn rights and we will "break-down all gear" in The Livery at the "Flag Mobile." Remember **DO NOT STOP** in the middle of the street—move to the side and **CLEAR** the area as soon as possible after the parade to allow other units to move forward.

The VNVDV is providing lunch for the 91st Division Army Band and USMC Color Guard **ONLY** following the parade. Ray has worked hard on coordinating this years event and asks for everyone's cooperation. It will be **HOT** so be sure to bring your **VNVDV hat** or **buy one...** and don't forget the sunscreen! The **Kiwanis Parade Committee recommends walkers to have "ice water."** Ours will be in the back of the Parade Truck with the extra flags. Parking near the start of the parade is **rare** and **not** available at St. Isidore's Catholic Church & is being used as a staging area. Ray informed us parking behind the "**clock tower**" - near the **SRV Museum** or around the **Livery** is best. Shuttle Buses are scheduled at the end of parade route **near the Fire House** on Hartz & IF **EARLY** you can ride to the start of the parade. "**Future Leaders**" is the *theme* this year... make sure you "**Recognize**" them with an **American Flag**.



"Recognizing Our Future Leaders" Things to Know about the Parade...

4TH OF JULY PARADE



by... **KIWANIS in DANVILLE**

Kicks-Off at 0900 on Monday

Veterans Muster at 0800

HS Parking Lot by Tennis Courts

VNVDV MEMBERS - Calling All Hands

VNVDV Parade Truck - the "Flag Mobile" will carry our flags
Thanks to veteran Rick at Promotive Performance Auto - WC



*To Distribute 12,000 Free Flags
to "Recognize Our Future Leaders" -
Great Weather - Good Friends
Join Us - Enjoy the FREEDOM
our Veterans gave this Country!*



Marty is getting his POP ready for the 4th... teaching him to BBQ!
Bill said, he is too old to learn new tricks. OK... Let's ask LeRoy!

Are YOU Volunteering to Carry YOUR Service Colors in this year's Parade?

If so - You should all be wearing the same Official Parade UNIFORMS

VNVDV White Polo Shirt - Dark Blue Pants/Shorts - White Tennis Shoes - White Caps

Volunteers for Military Service Colors - Contact Fred Granados @ Coordinator 930-6732

Remember - the parade is **Monday**... at **9AM** - the parade "kick-off" time is earlier - It start at **0900** on **JULY 4TH** and the streets around Danville will be closed earlier. Remember... to arrive on-time for muster at **0800** at the parking lot next to the tennis courts at the high school. No vehicles will be authorized in this area or the church. Park at the Clock Tower - SRV Museum or at the end of the parade and catch the shuttle down to the start before 8AM that morning. Wear your VNVDV Ball Cap. Procurement Director Gene Ghio tells us he has **six** of our Official VNVDV white ball caps available at the July 4th parade. Remember wear or bring Sunscreen & we will have **Ice Water** according to Gene. **We need as many members as possible to show up to help distribute our 12,000 American Flags** to "Recognizing Our Future Leaders" - the school children along the parade route this year. Ray requests every able bodied member we have... We need your help so please attend the parade ready to help out wearing your white polo shirt to *representing our organization!* You are authorized to wear your military ribbons - medals - devices on your shirts on major holidays. The DOD and VA encourages you to show your pride in your military service. Remember... "Proudly We Served" See you at the Parade.

JULY 4TH PARADE

**Next Month:
Look for
Special
Story on Bill
Green's
GWOT VET
Retreat with
photos!**

SAVE TIME at our Dinners by having **YOUR CHECK**
Made Payable to the VNVDV -
Written in Advance - for the Correct Amount
YOU CAN ALSO PAY BY CASH or CREDIT CARD -

(Although Our Organization Pays a Fee for Processing Credit Cards)

Buffet Dinner is \$25. per person

**Attention ALL ANNUAL DUES PAYING Members:
Your Membership is Important to Us!**

**Every Member "Makes a Difference" We Appreciate Your Support
even if you live a distance away... join us again!**

**Please attend this year's Fourth of July
Parade and American Flag Distribution**

VNVDV Parade Truck - the "Flag Mobile" is not overheating -
Thanks to veteran Rick at Promotive Performance Auto - WC



Contact VNVDV Membership Director [Bill Chew](mailto:BillChew@comcast.net) 925/829-3658 - E: WBChew@comcast.net to renew.



**Thank You To Our
June Dinner Special
Guest Speaker *WW II*
Flying Ace
Cdr. John "Ted" Crosby
*5 Plane = 1 Day - You amazed us all***

**Join Us for our JULY 7TH Dinner & Speaker at Crow Canyon Country Club
hear KATHY STRONG and this amazing memorial story of her 38
years wearing his MIA bracelet... don't miss this July dinner.**





Vet Center

RETURNING VETS

**CONCORD VET CENTER
READY TO SERVE YOU**

**At a new location in Concord:
1333 WILLOW PASS ROAD
READJUSTMENT CENTER
Get off to the right Start**

Remember the...

EAST BAY JOB FAIR

JULY 18TH - 10AM to 3PM

At the Concord Hilton

*Denver Mills and his Concord Vet Team Stand
Ready To Serve You*

BBQ After The Parade

At Bill Green's For

**Members "Participating"
In The 4th of July Parade**

**Bill Green's "Reminder" to
Bring Side Dish For BBQ**

**Peg Says... Salads and Dessert
Are Welcome too! :)**

See You After The Parade!

VETERANS & Military Families

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VNVDV SUPPORTS OUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

OLD VA E-MAIL WARNING MAKING ITS ROUNDS AGAIN PHISHING FOR VETERAN INFORMATION



An old e-mail lurking in the electronic cloud is making rounds again in a renewed attempt at phishing for veterans' personal information. Service members and veterans need to be careful.

An organization called **Veterans Affairs Services (VAS)** is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization **is not affiliated with VA in any way**. They are using the website on the internet at <http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html> - and this **is not** the VA.

Recently forwarded throughout the Army community and titled "**Warning To Veterans,**" the current version of the e-mail advises against using the services of an organization called **Veterans Affairs Services** and appears to come from Kevin Secor, Veterans Service Organizations liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

An earlier version of this e-mail, purportedly from Michael G. Daugherty, staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel, contains a Facebook link that may be an attempt to upload a virus according to Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line officials. Some versions found were combinations of the two former e-mail warning letters.

Research conducted by the VNVDV determined the VA and VSO Liaison Kevin Secor stated that he never sent the message. Internet records confirmed with the VA that although Michael Daugherty is currently a staff attorney for DVA, he did not send the e-mail and that no e-mails of this nature are being sent by the VA. The BBB advises anyone receiving this e-mail not click on the link. Also, the VA advises veterans seeking assistance use a VA-recognized veteran service organizations in order to submit a claim for benefits. The VNVDV advises all veterans seeking assistance in the Diablo Valley to use our local certified Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office and contact VSO Phil Munley should you have questions.

The e-mails all advise against using the services of an organization called **Veterans Affairs Services** and referencing the VAS internet location, <http://www.vaservices.org>. While the organization has some working links to VA benefit and military-related information and a purloined resemblance to the VA name and seal. Forms on the Web site solicit visitors to schedule a briefing by requesting input of detailed personal information. Safe VA approved and recognized organizations are a better route and a personal visit to your local County Veterans Service Officer Phil Munley is the best choice according to all veterans we spoke with.

The VA lists all accredited organizations and representatives and the information can be researched at <http://www4.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>.

*Your local VA in Martinez is the best – one of the TOP rated VA facilities in the entire State!
We attend the Northern CA VA Health Care System Director's VSO Advisory Meetings... we know!*

Our VA does have a great site - www.myhealth.va.gov.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:

PHIL MUNLEY ANNOUNCED THE ADDITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Travis Nelson formerly with Congressman McNerney Office

has recently accepted a position as a

Veterans Service Representative

with the **Contra Costa County Veterans Services Office.**

Congratulations to fellow veteran Travis Nelson



PHOTO by - Sandee Wiedemann

Visit Our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer in Martinez
PHIL MUNLEY & the VSO Team
will help you learn about your Veteran Benefits

Occasionally Phil will make house calls!
On a Weekend - late Sunday afternoon in shorts
VSO Phil Munley was in Danville for a special
Welcome Home
for Two Navy Corpsmen Returning from Duty.

East Bay Veterans Fair

JULY 18th - Concord Hilton

A Veterans Resource Job & Education Fair

for Recently Discharged & Returning Vets - Active-Duty Military & their families - Reserves and Veterans from all Branches & Eras

East Bay Veterans Fair is on **July 18th 2011** from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the **Concord Hilton** (1970 Diamond Blvd.) in Concord, CA. The **Concord Vet Center & AMVETS Post 26** will be hosting a **Veterans Resource, Job and Education Fair**. At the fair *Veteran Friendly* employers looking to interview & hire - representatives from *Veteran Friendly* Colleges & Universities - Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care enrollers & Veterans Benefits Counselors from the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office.

Various local Chapters of **Blue Star Moms** will also be on hand providing baby-sitting during the event, along with greeting Veterans and assisting them with directions through the fair. As an added feature this year we will also be offering free-of-charge Health and Wellness activities - such as Tai-Chi and Healing Touch. This event will be a *"one-stop-shop"* for **Veterans, Active Duty Military and their families to access benefits and resources that they've earned through military service. Plan to attend.**

In addition, **Blood Centers of the Pacific** will be conducting a **blood drive** at the fair in honor of our Veterans and Active-Duty Military, your donation will help support VA Hospitals and David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB. To pre-register for the blood drive visit <https://www.bloodheroes.com/>

No pre-registration is necessary, but access to counselors will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you require benefits counseling it is recommended, but not required that you bring a copy of your DD-214. To participate in the blood drive it is required that you have a form of I.D. **This Resource, Job and Education Fair is open to Active Duty Military and their families – Reserves - and to All Veterans of all eras/service periods/branches of service. Please share this information... pass this along to all concerned. Thanks.**

Direct link to **Blood Drive** Appointment Scheduler - <https://www.bloodheroes.com/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=452631>

Remember, If you are an organization desiring to be a vendor or volunteer - please contact **Aaron Mattia** at the **Concord VET Center** below.

Aaron

J. Aaron Mattia

(USMC 91-97/01-06 OEF x2)

Outreach Coordinator

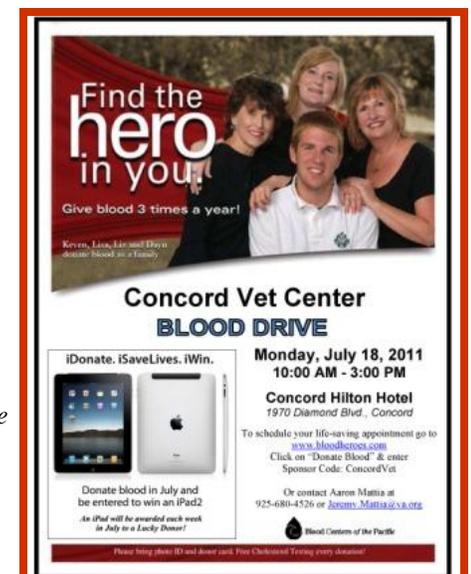
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925/680-4526

jeremy.mattia@va.gov

"The hardest thing to do in an organization is change, if Veterans are going to fare better, it's because the organization has transformed." - VA Secretary **Eric Shinseki**

The **VNVDV** looks forward to seeing you at this years **East Bay Veterans Fair - July 18th** at the Concord Hilton. **GWOT & Returning Vets...** look for our information table.



Find the hero in you!

Give blood 3 times a year!

Kevin, Lisa, Lisa and Dean receive blood as a family

Concord Vet Center
BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 18, 2011
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Concord Hilton Hotel
1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord

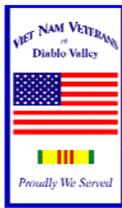
To schedule your life-saving appointment go to www.bloodheroes.com
Click on "Donate Blood" & enter
Sponsor Code: ConcordVet

Or contact Aaron Mattia at
925-680-4526 or jeremy.mattia@va.gov

Donate blood in July and be entered to win an iPad2
An iPad will be awarded each week in July to a Lucky Donor!

Please bring photo ID and AmeriCard. Free Outpatient Testing every donation!

Blood Drive at Job Fair



Wheelchair Foundation Wine for Wheels Monthly Events - See the Website for Details

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Don & Jennifer Davis
Danville, CA

Friday - July 29, 2011 - Danville

***We Support the
Wheelchair Foundation -
The VNVDV is going back
to Viet Nam!***

If you are looking for the perfect gift to purchase for someone who is hard to shop for... or has everything - A treasured gift - is giving a new "WCF Wheelchair" in their name!

These events help support the VNVDV

Please note on your donation

"credit to the VNVDV"

to help fill our container.

Thank You.

*The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley are Proud Supporters of the
Wheelchair Foundation & "Wine for Wheels"*

Thank You - Ron & Marianne Dreisbach

**For Hosting *The Wine For Wheels* June Event &
For Being Such Gracious Hosts and Supporting
The Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley**

Support the WCF's "Wine for Wheels" Events

**Thank You to all who have Supported & Donated to-date to fill our
Wheelchair Foundation container for Distribution in Viet Nam.**

[Golf Fore Mobility](#)

Wheelchair Foundation Golf Fore August 15th, 2011
Mobility

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 [David Behring Wine for
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David Behring Wine for
Wheels - Vietnam

August 26th, 2011

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Wine for Wheels at Piatti's

September 20th, 2011

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Danville PD Investigating Theft from Veterans Building Site *Police seeking information on weekend break-in*

Detectives with the Danville Police Department are looking for witnesses in the June 25/26 weekend break-in at the Veterans Memorial Building construction site at 400 Hartz Avenue .

According to Detective Sgt. Allan Shields, the theft was discovered shortly after 8:00AM June 27, Monday morning, when workers arrived on the scene. Police were called and reported that an undisclosed amount of copper wiring, construction tools and other items were taken from the site. Some damage was reported during the theft.

Shields said they are currently investigating the crime, but are also looking for any residents who may have been near the construction site over the weekend and saw or heard anything out of the ordinary.

Any person with information regarding the theft at the Veterans Memorial Building is urged to contact Det. Sgt. Allan Shields at (925) 314-3703 or ashields@danville.ca.gov.

In an update on the break-in...

the Town Offers Reward for Info on Veterans Building Site Theft *\$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest*

Following the recent break-in at the Veterans Memorial Building site, the Town of Danville is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the case.

Under a resolution passed by the Town Council May 17, 2005, the Town may offer the reward. Information given to the police department must lead to an arrest and conviction in order for the reward to be paid. Police are continuing to investigate the case, in which persons unknown entered the site and took building materials and tools.

"We are hopeful that the reward will lead us to a break in this case," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo. "Given the use of this building, and the expectations of our community of veterans, they deserve to be caught."

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INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST ON VETERAN BUILDING BREAK-IN



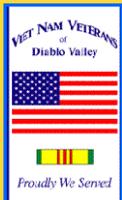
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The funding campaign for the Veterans building renovation continues. For more information or to make a pledge, see Linda at our meetings or at the Veterans Memorial Building office at 433 Diablo in Danville - Phone 925 / 362-9806 or log on to www.srvVeteransHall.org.

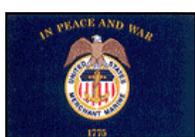


LOOK FOR THE VETERAN'S BUILDING FLOAT

In the July 4th PARADE this YEAR...

Take a pledge card & support our New Veteran's Memorial Building by making a donation

Were honored to have the Tri Valley Community Foundation join our new Veteran's Memorial Building Fund Raising effort.



Hot Summer Nights Danville Car Shows

July 21st & August 18th

DANVILLE 's HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CAR SHOW is an outstanding community events are for socializing and meeting other veterans. In years past we have participated in the Car Show using our **VNVDV Parade Truck** owned by VNVDV member John Reese. In years past, the late **TONY CARNEMOLLA**, a great friend of John - the VNVDV - and all veterans, not to mention everyone in the community - ran the Car Show. Tony started a tradition, after John bought the truck - placing the VNVDV's "Parade Truck" in front of the Veterans Memorial Building during the Car Shows with "banners" on the bed rails of the truck to promote veterans events. This included a wide variety of programs & events including **East Bay Stand Down**, Wheelchair Foundation & VNVDV's "**Wheelchairs for VietNam**" Events and course our new Veterans Memorial Building in Danville.

The tradition lives on... David Miller who has stepped into some very big shoes once again - for the second year is working hard planning the 2011 "**HOT SUMMER NIGHTS**" Car Show. The Shows actual dates are **July 21st** and **August 18th**. **Linda Schardt** who we all know from the **VMB** just happens to be our Hartz Ave / Prospect St. Corner "Captain." **Linda Mannina** many know her from the Exchange Club, has played a key role in community activities for years & she will be the Car Show Manager.

David has again approached the VietNam Veterans looking for a "*few good men*" :) (and women!)... to see if they are able to volunteer for the **two Hot Summer Night Car Shows** in Danville this summer? Yes it takes many volunteers to make an event successful and the veterans can help again. Many VNVDV members have assisted in years past - even **John Estes!** To help everyone understand what's needed, David will be conducting a **volunteer orientation/training meeting on July 18th @ 1800 HRS.** at the Danville Town Meeting Hall - located at 201 Front Street.

David has also requested the VNVDV members to help spread the word of his request for more Veterans to assist as "**volunteers**" to help in securing/closing side streets - Prospect Street, about 100 feet east from Hartz Ave. David said this would be a big help, and he went on to say... **any help** at all would be appreciated. This is another opportunity for the veterans to continue to serve our community.

David has already arraigned for the **VNVDV Parade Truck** to have its special VIP positioning in front of the new Veteran's Memorial Building (**under construction and still in need of donor pledges to complete**). This will be at the corner on Prospect and Hartz Avenue. David has invited some military vehicles to be next to the "parade truck" as "*Show Stoppers*" to help boost interest in front of the Veteran's building.

The goal for us *in addition to volunteering* at the Car Show is to bring awareness to our new building and the need for community involvement through **donations and pledges** that "**will make a difference**" for the future veterans in our community. The VNVDV Parade Truck is used to promote veteran programs... and the idea is for attendees to slow down - stop and take a look... not only at the cars and military vehicles but also at our new building under construction. We will have some donor and pledge information available telling them how they can get involved in helping and be recognized inside the new building as a donor. This is a great opportunity to speak with attendees - not only about the new building, and if they served and are veterans... we can let them know about the veteran service organizations and VSO office in the new building. I know the **Blue Star Moms** will be joining us again with their information booth and postcards. Consider volunteering & attend the July 18th orientation program @ 1800

For further information on the **HOT SUMMER NIGHTS Car Show in Danville** -
Please Contact: **David Miller by E-Mail at: ezasugo@hotmail.com**

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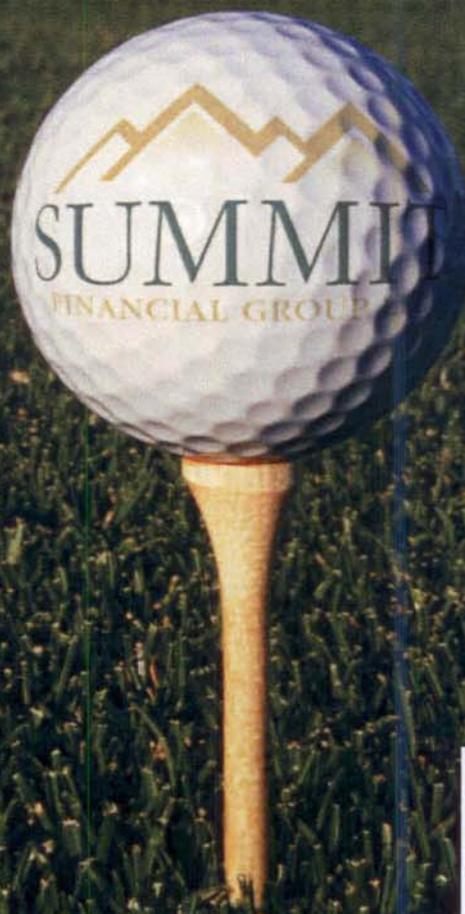
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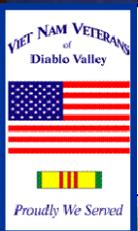
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VNVDV Parade Truck - the "Flag Mobile" will participate in the Walnut Festival Parade Thanks to fellow veteran Rick at Promotive Performance Auto - WC

NAVY BALL... a tradition returns during Fleet Week in SF



Moffett Chief Petty Officers Association, Northern California

Greetings Post Commander,

The Moffett Chief Petty Officers' Association (CPOA) of Northern California was established in the early days of Naval Air Station Sunnyvale (later to be named NAS Moffett Field). Through the years, the Association grew with the incorporation of Naval Air Reserve Center Santa Clara and Navy Reserve Centers first in San Jose and subsequently in Alameda.

However, we saw our numbers decrease as the Base Realignments and Closures (BRAC) closed virtually every active duty Navy Installation in the San Francisco Bay area. It was shortly after this exodus, that the tradition of the Navy Ball regrettably also left the Bay area.

The Moffett CPOA restored this tradition in 2008, and as an inaugural event persuaded Master Chief Petty Officer Joe Campa to serve as Guest Speaker for it. In 2009, VAM Debbink (Chief of the Navy Reserve) also served as Guest Speaker. We have held this event in the Pleasanton Hilton, which has a beautiful ball room and have afforded us blocks of rooms at preferred rates for the event. In spite of these events being well attended, our membership still finds that there are scores of Veterans in this area that are unaware of this event. I hope to at least start to remedy this situation by reaching out to all of the Veteran Organizations throughout the Bay area.

On behalf of the Moffett Chief Petty Officer' Association, I would personally like to make you aware of this event. This event coincides with San Francisco Fleet Week. In previous years, we have hosted several visiting Sailors from Fleet Week participating ships through donations. We intend to maintain this tradition, since it is the Sailors who we hope to honor with this event. Additionally, we sell the event tickets to junior Sailors (E-1 through E-6) at below cost.

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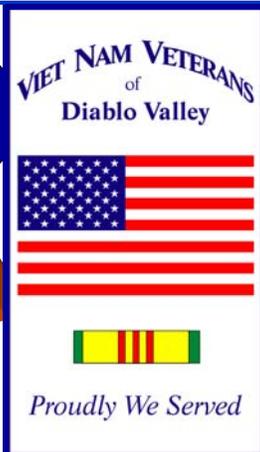
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The VNVDV meets each month on the **1st Thursday** of every month in the Diablo Valley @ **Crow Canyon Country Club**. Our Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** of each month also at Crow Canyon country Club. To find out more about programs we support... visit our website at www.VNVDV.com. *All veterans are welcome to attend our membership meetings.* We are 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... and of our continued contributions to fellow veterans and our community. Our dinner meetings consist of social - dinner and a guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. All of our meetings are OPEN meetings. Join us.*

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