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**JUNE 2011
Edition**

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday - May 30 - 10AM - Oakhill Park

The East Bay's Largest *Traditional* Memorial Day Remembrance in Danville... featuring the Danville Community Band & Guest Speaker WW II - *Iwo Jima* Marine Richard T. Burress



**Jerry Yahiro
President 2011**

"Please join us for our 2011 observance of Memorial Day at Oakhill Park



June 2nd our Dinner Guest Speaker will be WW II Flying Ace Cdr. John "Ted" Crosby. Join us for this amazing presentation and dinner.

President's June Message

The **ConocoPhillips' Walk Of Honor** for Our Veterans (WOH), took place last Saturday, on Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2011. This was our third WALK in honor of our vets, across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge, over the Carquinez Straits, in Crockett, CA. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the VNVDV for our programs, events and services for serving military and veterans, and the Crockett Community Services District, primarily for the renovation of their War Memorial Building.

This year, I was privileged to accompany our guest speaker, **Congressional Medal Of Honor Recipient, Major James "Jim" Taylor, USA (Ret.)** and his family, to the WOH. Our "transportation" was on the vintage UH1H, "25th Infantry Division Huey", included a "Fly Over" the WOH, as participants began their trek across the Bridge. The Huey was provided by Michael Haus and Chris Miller, and piloted Vietnam Veteran, Ray Murphy. WOW! What a ride on a beautiful sunny day! Forty-four year old memories flashed through my mind. Only difference, this Huey had seats and no one was shooting at us! For more information on the Huey, go to the website:

<http://www.25thhuey.com/>.

**WW II FLYING ACE
COMMANDER JOHN "TED" CROSBY
GUEST SPEAKER AT JUNE 2ND DINNER**



Above Jim Taylor (center) and the 25th Infantry Division Huey, with Vietnam Veteran, Pilot Ray Murphy and VNVDV President Jerry Yahiro. Jim's twin granddaughters are sitting in the door-gunner's seat

THE VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

AND THE

ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

CORDIALLY INVITE THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY
TO JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

OAK HILL PARK

3005 STONE VALLEY ROAD - DANVILLE
SITE OF THE BEAUTIFUL "ALL WARS MEMORIAL"

10:30 AM – MONDAY - MAY 30, 2011

ORDER OF EVENTS

- 10:00** Gather and be seated
- 10:30** Concert by... Danville Community Band
- 11:00** Memorial Day Remembrance
Welcome: Jerry Yahiro, President, VNVDV
Master of Ceremonies: Bill Picton, President, All Wars Memorial Foundation
Posting of the Colors and Military Service Branch Flags:
- US Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, Concord & VNVDV
POW/MIA Ceremony - Del Loewe, VNVDV
Fly Over: P-51, Mustang
Welcoming Comments: Honorable Karen Stepper, Mayor - Town of Danville
Musical Salute to Veterans: Service Branches, by the Danville Community Band
- Guest Speaker:**
Richard T. Burress, USMC, 1/23, Platoon Commander, Iwo Jima
- 11:50** Tribute to Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans, All Wars Memorial
Major General Ronald Lowe, USA, (Ret.)
Gold Star Families Recognition
21 Gun Rifle Salute, Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 75, Danville
Echo Taps:
Lorie McGaw
Bill Picton
Raise Colors to full staff: "To The Colors", Laurie McGaw
Retire the Colors
- 12:00** Conclude



Guest Speaker - 2nd Lieutenant Dick Burress 1945 & 2011

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Walk of Honor Fly-Over



Right - 25th Infantry Division Huey - flying over the Carquinez Bridge at the ConocoPhillips Walk of Honor for our Veterans held on Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2011 in Crockett, CA.

After the Walk, a delicious tri-tip & smoked turkey lunch was served by Englund's Catering, of Concord, and enjoyed by all. Meanwhile, participants had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the various veterans' service organizations, including the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officers, The Concord Vet Center, the VA Cemetery Services, the VNVDV, the Blue Star Moms, Chapter 101, Danville, Diablo Flag Brigade and the USDVA.

At lunch, Mark Hughes, of ConocoPhillips, began the program, with Georgeanne Seavy's stirring a cappella rendition of our National Anthem, and the granddaughter VNVDV's Harvey Duran (also with ConocoPhillips), leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After proper introductions, presentations, and "thank you's", Jim Taylor addressed the group.

Jim's talk stressed that the Congressional Medal Of Honor (CMOH) that he wears, is for all those who have given their lives, served or are currently serving our Country. He is the caretaker of this honor and privilege.

One incident that Jim related to the audience occurred several years ago, while he visited our wounded warriors at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He had spoken to a soldier, a double amputee, who needed encouragement.

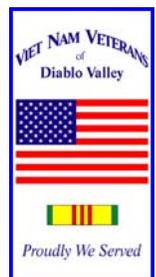
Recently, Jim encountered this soldier again, who reminded Jim of his previous visit. He thanked him for his much needed words of encouragement, on how he could regain his life, accomplish whatever he chose, and yes, even return to active duty one day. Today, the soldier is still actively serving our Country and is currently deployed, in Iraq.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men (and women) it produces, but also by the men (and women) it honors, the men (and women) it remembers." - President John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy's quote and Jim Taylor's words, embody the true meaning of the upcoming Memorial Day we will observe on Monday, May 30, 2011. It is not the beginning of summer or barbeque season. It is a special day to remember all those who have given their lives, in defense of our Country, or who have served and now have passed on.

IT IS TO HONOR THEIR MEMORY THAT WE OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY.

Come and honor them, Monday, May 30, 2011, Oak Hill Park, Danville, CA, 1000 hrs. (10:00 AM).



NB - See associated article regarding the retirement of the last U.S. Army UH1H, "Huey" in this issue of the INCOMING news.

**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 MONDAY - MAY 30th OAKHILL PARK



Oakhill Park site of the beautiful **ALL WARS MEMORIAL** in Danville is once again the site of one of the most dynamic, traditional and well attended **MEMORIAL DAY** Remembrances in the Bay Area. An event structured to take about an hour & one-half out of a three-day weekend that truly reminds the community what Memorial Day is really all about... and why we are able to "celebrate the freedom" and why we should take the time to teach our children & grand-children to also learn "**to remember**" this special day. Memorial Day is to Honor all those who have fallen and passed - who served our great nation in the armed. It is not just another three-day weekend, or time for a back-yard BBQ, or the first weekend of summer. It can be all of those things... because it is "MEMORIAL DAY" and we Honor and Remember those Veterans. There is no better place in the East Bay than the site of the "All Wars Memorial" to take a moment to remember our Heroes. Join us at 10AM on Monday at Oak Hill Park in Danville. Bring Your Entire Family - Bring a Picnic... Enjoy the Day in this beautiful setting.

All Wars Memorial

Memorial Day is the **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley's** biggest event. It is coordinated with the Town of Danville and the All Wars Memorial Foundation. The event is one of the largest "formal remembrances" in the entire bay area, traditionally drawing one-thousand community members to the beautiful Oakhill Park in Danville - site of the **All Wars Memorial**. This is a true **Memorial Day program**. This event requires our members to volunteer at what ever level they are able to assist in making this event the best possible. Please - every available member - supporter and friend from our community... your help is needed to "volunteer" and participate on Monday - May 30th - Make this program another success - please attend.

President **Jerry Yahiro** has the good fortune of again having Past President **Bill Picton** as the Memorial Day Chair arranging the speaker & program. To assist with organization Director of Events - **Ray La Rochelle** is assisting President Yahiro again with event details. Ray indicated members are needed in every area on the day of the event to set-up & take-down the shade, chairs and other items required for a successful event. Ron Lowe is coordinating with Nathan Greene and the VFW for a rifle team and the Town of Danville will be bringing in the chairs, but we need help once they arrive at 0730. We have an outstanding guest speaker who served in WW II on Iwo Jima this year and a great program to honor our Gold Star Parents and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice and those who have gone before us. We know we will have many distinguished guests and VIPs on hand... so we need volunteer set-up help early on Monday - May 30 at Oakhill Park - 0730/0800.

Plan to arrive on Monday early to give us a hand plan to attend with your friends and neighbors! Join Us for Memorial Day. Any questions? Contact VNVDV Memorial Day Chair - Bill Picton at BPicton@sbcglobal.net or President Jerry Yahiro at JYahiro@aol.com. **Thank You!**

Memorial Day Program—10:00 AM

Following the MEMORIAL DAY program our "Members Only" Family BBQ Picnic. All members are encouraged to attend.

Richard T. Burress



Iwo Jima Marine Lieutenant Memorial Day Guest Speaker at Oak Hill Park in Danville

Richard T. Burress

*2011 Memorial Day – Guest Speaker
at Oakhill Park in Danville*

A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served as a lieutenant and Platoon Commander on Iwo Jima. Dick Burress is the Memorial Day guest speaker at Oak Hill Park in Danville this year. The program begins at 10:30AM.

Mr. Burress is a lifetime member of the Fourth Marine Division Association, the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a member of the American Bar Association.

Richard T. Burress is a Senior Fellow Emeritus at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, as well as in Iowa, California, and the District of Columbia, he is an expert in legal issues, government programs, and public policy legislation.

Burress is the author of **We the People: The Story of Our Constitutional Convention, The Bill of Rights: James Madison's Legacy,** and **The Documents of the American Revolution** (in Russian) (Tver Polygraphic Group, 1995). In 1996 The Documents of the American Revolution was translated into Romanian. He has also written extensively on **Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War.**

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, his J.D. degree from the Law School of the University of Iowa, and his LL.M. from the Graduate School of Law at New York University.



Important Notice Memorial Day Family Picnic

Last Chance to RSVP to "Slatts"

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VNVDV MEMBERS:

The annual VNVDV Memorial Day picnic will follow the ceremony on Monday May 30th, at the southeastern corner of Oak Hill Park, near the volley ball court.

The picnic will be for VNVDV **MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY**. VNVDV will provide the main course and hot dogs for children. Please bring something for yourselves and **to share with others**, a salad or dessert. Also, please bring **your own beverage** of choice.

PLEASE CONTACT MIKE SLATTENGREN VIA E-MAIL AT mjsslatt@yahoo.com AND LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY IN YOUR FAMILY WILL BE ATTENDING THE PICNIC AND WHAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING TO SHARE. Don't Just Show Up... Make a Reservation Please! Thanks. You Can Pay Your Dues at the Memorial Day Event.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 21 - Saturday @ 0800 in Crockett... THANK YOU to "WALK OF HONOR" sponsor ConocoPhillips in Rodeo for hosting the event
- MAY 30 - Monday @ 0730 in Danville... Oak Hill Park - VOLUNTEERS arrive to set-up for Memorial Day program—Chairs and other
- MAY 30 - Monday @ 1000 in Diablo Valley... **Memorial Day - Oakhill Park - Danville... the annual remembrance for the east bay**
- MAY 30 - Monday @ 1200 at Oak Hill Park... Clean Up and Break-Down of the Memorial Day Program - Volunteers Needed After Event
- MAY 30 - Monday @ 1230 at Oak Hill Park in Danville... VNVDV Members Only BBQ for family after the Memorial Day Program clean-up
- JUN 2 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & WW II ACE Pilot Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- JUN 3 - Friday @ 1900 in Lafayette... **Wine for Wheels** at the Dreisbach - **Dreischbach's Go Hawaiian** for the VietNam Veterans - See Website
- JUN 5 - Sunday 4 to 7PM in Alamo... **Blue Star Moms** - a fundraiser at Forli Ristorante - see special insert in this issue of the Incomingi
- JUN 16 - Thursday @ 1800 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- JUL 4 - Monday @ 0900 in Danville... **Annual 4th of JULY Parade** down Hartz - VNVDV distributing 12,000 American Flags to Children
- JUL 7 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club

Note: Many other meetings - events - by fellow veteran & support organizations & welcome home events we encourage you to attend. Watch for more e-mail announcements. Wish we had time and space to list everyone's event and programs... Check the websites too.

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY - MAY 30TH

Our Calendar is not a complete listing of all our friends and supporting organizations. Please check their websites also to see postings of their latest calendar events. Thanks.

Remember at our Monthly Dinners...
You can SAVE TIME by having YOUR CHECK
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Buffet Dinner is \$25. per person

Attention ALL Annual Members:

Your Membership is Important to Us!

Every Member Makes a Difference and we Appreciate Your Support
even if you live a distance away... join us again!

Please attend this year's Memorial Day Program and RENEW your Membership at the Members BBQ.

Your Membership helps us continue Programs in the Community. Please Support Us.

Contact VNVDV Membership Director **Bill Chew** 925/829-3658 - E: WBChew@comcast.net to renew.



JUNE Dinner Special Guest
Speaker *WW II Flying Ace*
Cdr. John "Ted" Crosby

(Contra Costa Times Front Page Last Week)

In 1945, Crosby along with his team were flying protection for a destroyer off Okinawa when suddenly 20 Japanese planes raced toward them head-on. In moments to follow, Crosby became famous for downing **five Japanese aircraft in a single dogfight**, making him an **Ace in one day**. Crosby was awarded the Navy Cross, three Distinguished Flying Crosses and many other metals for this day & his continued service throughout World War II and the Korean War.

Join Us for our JUNE 2nd Dinner & Speaker at Crow Canyon Country Club
and hear this exciting historical story first-hand from a WW II Hero

The Last Huey Retires

In Ft. Rucker, Ala. at Cairns Army Airfield on May 17 they bid farewell to a beloved "Family member," the UH-1 Iroquois, affectionately known as the Huey.

The last three UH-1s operating with the Army out of Fort Rucker were retired during a ceremony at Cairns; however, "Hueys" will still fill the skies over the Wiregrass as the Air Force operates them, known as TH-1Hs, out of the air field as part of its rotary-wing training program.



CW4 Larry Castagneto, a safety officer with the 1st Aviation Brigade at the "Last Huey" retirement at Ft. Rucker, Ala. Photo by Ft. Rucker PAO

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, Fort Rucker and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence commanding general, described the ceremony as a "Family reunion." "That's why we're here today - to say goodbye to a Family member," Crutchfield said. "This is an incredible machine, as you all know. And it served us proudly for over 52 years. It was first introduced in 1959, and in its first 20 years of service, more than 7,000 of these aircraft served in combat in Vietnam and more than 16,000 were built and served all around the world. "Many of us cut our teeth on this aircraft learning to fly," the general continued. "It has a special place in our hearts. Thank you for your outstanding 52 years of service."

Crutchfield then introduced CW4 Larry Castagneto, a safety officer with the 1st Aviation Brigade who flew the UH-1 in Vietnam, and among those with a special place in their hearts for the Huey.

CW4 Castagnetos Speech follows:

"This is going to be a hard day," Castagneto said. "To be honest, it's a very sad day, an end of an era - an era that has spanned over 50 years - the retirement of this grand old lady, our mother, the Huey." This is the speech given at Ft Rucker when they retired the last Huey: CW4 Lawrence Castagneto, 17 may 2011

As a Vietnam Veteran Army Aviator - I would like to thank everyone for coming to this special occasion, on this to be honest... very sad day, the end of a era. An era that has spanned over 50 years.

The retirement of this grand old lady "OUR MOTHER" ... the Huey.

I would like to thank, MG Crutchfield for allowing me to speak at this event and try to convey in my own inadequate, meager way.. what this aircraft means to me and so many other Vietnam veterans.

First a few facts:

It was 48 yrs ago this month that the first Huey arrived in Vietnam with units that were to become part of the 145th and the 13th Combat Aviation Battalions; both units assigned here at Ft Rucker today. While in Vietnam, the Huey flew approximately 7,457,000 combat assault sorties; 3,952,000 attack or gunship sorties and 3,548,000 cargo supply sorties. That comes to over 15 million sorties flown over the paddies and jungles of Nam, not to include the millions of sorties flown all over the world and other combat zones since thenwhat a amazing journey.... I am honored and humbled to have been a small part of that journey.

To those in the crowd that have had the honor to fly, crew, or ride this magnificent machine in combat, we are the chosen few, the lucky ones . They understand what this aircraft means, and how hard it is for me to describe my feelings about her as a Vietnam combat pilot.... for she is alive... has a life of her own, and has been a life long friend.

"Last Huey Retires" - Continued from previous Page -

How do I break down in a few minutes my 42 year love affair, she is as much a part of me, and to so many others - as the blood that flows through our veins. Try to imagine all those touched over the years - by the shadow of her blades.

Other aircraft can fly overhead and some will look up and some may not; or even recognize what they see but, when a Huey flies over everyone looks up and everyone knows who she is... young or old all over the world she connects with all.

To those that rode her into combat... the sound of those blades causes our heart beat to rise... and breaths to quicken... in anticipation of seeing that beautiful machine fly overhead and the feeling of comfort she brings. No other aircraft in the history of aviation evokes the emotional response the Huey does... combat veteran's or not... she is recognized all around the world by young and old, she is the ICON of the Vietnam war, U.S. Army Aviation, and the U.S. Army. Over 5 decades of service she carried Army Aviation on her back, from bird dogs and piston powered helicopters with a secondary support mission, to the force multiplier combat arm that Army Aviation is today.

Even the young aviators of today, that are mainly Apache pilot's, Blackhawk pilot's, etc., that have had a chance to fly her will tell you there is no greater feeling, honor, or thrill than to be blessed with the opportunity to ride her thru the sky... they may love their Apaches and Blackhawks, but they will say there is no aircraft like flying the Huey " it is special". There are two kinds of helicopter pilots: those that have flown the Huey and those that wish they could have.

The intense feelings generated for this aircraft are not just from the flight crews but, also from those who rode in back ...into and out of the "devils caldron". As paraphrased here from "Gods own lunatics" - **Joe Galloway's** tribute to the Huey and her flight crews and other Infantry veterans comments:

Is there anyone here today who does not thrill to the sound of those Huey blades? That familiar whop-whop-whop is the soundtrack of our war... the lullaby of our younger days it is burned in to our brains and our hearts. To those who spent their time in Nam as a grunt, know that noise was always a great comfort. Even today when I hear it, I stop... catch my breath... and search the sky for a glimpse of the mighty eagle. To the pilots and crews of that wonderful machine... we loved you, we loved that machine.

No matter how bad things were... if we called... you came... down through the hail of green tracers and other visible signs of a real bad day off to a bad start. I can still hear the sound of those blades churning the fiery sky. To us you seemed beyond brave and fearless. Down you would come to us in the middle of battle in those flimsy thin skin – chariots... into the storm of fire and hell... we feared for you... we were awed by you. We thought of you and that beautiful bird as "God's own lunatics" and wondered... who are theses men and this machine and where do they come from... Have to be "God's Angels."

So with that I say to her, that beautiful lady sitting out there, from me and all my lucky brothers, that were given the honor to serve their country, and the privilege of flying this great lady in skies of VietNam - Thank you for the memories... Thank you for always being there... Thank you for always bringing us home regardless of how beat up and shot up you were... Thank You!

You will never be forgotten, we loved you then... we love you now... and will love you till our last breath.

And as the sun sets today, if you listen quietly and closely you will hear that faint wop – wop - wop of our mother speaking to all her children past and present who rode her into history in a blaze of glory... she will be saying to them: I am here... I will always be here with you. I am at peace and so should you be ... and so should you be. - **CW4 Castagnetos** (May 17—Ft. Rucker)

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The UH-1 is still flown by the Army, Air Force and other services - and two of the three Hueys will retire among their brethren at other Aviation museums - with one going to Fort Rucker's own U.S. Army Aviation Museum & another going to the Army Aeromedical Evacuation Museum at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. The destination of the third Huey was unavailable at time of publication. *Photo & data provided by Ft. Rucker Public Affairs. Visit their website for additional information.*



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A personal note from Peggy Conklin...

Hey you guys...

I hope you'll come and support this BSM fundraiser. Give me a call for tickets! **it's Sunday, June 5th, from 4-7 PM at Forli Ristorante** in Alamo. Appetizers, entertainment, good people, and all for \$25 per person. Contact me for tickets! The owner of Forli is a Vietnam Veteran! Skip and Liz George are coming!

Peggy Conklin
President
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<u>David Behring Wine for Wheels - Vietnam</u>	David Behring Wine for Wheels - Vietnam	August 26th, 2011	Danville, CA, 94506
<u>Wine for Wheels at Piatti's</u>	Wine for Wheels at Piatti's	September 20th, 2011	Danville, CA, 94526
<u>Music on Eagle Ridge 2011</u>	Music on Eagle Ridge 2011	October 1st, 2011	Danville, CA, 94506

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Town of Danville Kiwanis Parade

4th of JULY

It is not too early to PLAN NOW...

And mark YOUR Calendar for the

Kiwanis July 4th Parade in Danville

This year it is on a Monday and the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley will distribute 12,000 American Flags along the parade route! Contact Gene Ghio for details and to get involved in planning. :)

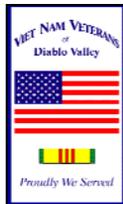
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By Supporting our new Veteran's Building



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MAKE a PLEDGE to

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for our Local Military Serving.

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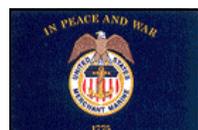
The funding campaign for the Veterans building renovation continues. For more information or to make a pledge, see **Linda** at our meetings or at the Veterans Memorial Building office at 433 Diablo in Danville - Phone 925 / 362-9806 or log on to www.srvVeteransHall.org.



Your reason for making a pledge & supporting the Our New Veteran's Memorial Building should be simple...



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



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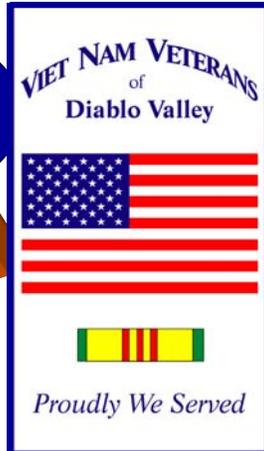
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The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley was established in 1991 as a non-profit Veterans organization to promote and enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service and Support of fellow Veterans. Our Veteran's Memorial Building is under construction.

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 some of our 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 and military. These are OPEN meetings. Join us.*

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!



VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley



MONTHLY DINNER & OPEN SOCIAL MEETING

THURSDAY - JUNE 2nd - WW II "Flying Ace" John "Ted" Crosby

At CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon

Social Hour starts at 1700 - Dinner at 1815

Featuring "Chef's Special Buffet Dinner" - \$25.

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