

INCOMING



NOV 2011
Edition

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

ANNUAL MEETING - NOV. 3RD



Jerry Yahiro
President 2011

Requests all members to join us for our "Annual Meeting" & Election of Officers & Directors at the Nov. 3rd Dinner.



December 1st is our Annual Holiday Recognition Dinner. Your RSVP is a must! Please Contact VP Mike "Slatts" Slattengren @ mjslatt@yahoo

President Yahiro's NOV Message

Here it is already November. Where has the year gone?

This coming November 11th - **Veteran's Day**, we will once again observe the occasion by gathering at the San Ramon Valley High School Auditorium. **Remember that Veterans Day honors all of us.** Further information on the Observance can be found in this issue of INCOMING.

In the past, I have encouraged you, members of the VNVDV, to attend the WELCOME HOME events that take place in our area, for serving members of our Armed Forces. Notices of the upcoming events are sent via FLASH announcements by Director John Reese. Sadly, these events have been attended by only a few of our members. **WE AS VIETNAM VETERANS SHOULD KNOW, BETTER THEN ANYONE ELSE, WHAT IT MEANS NOT TO BE THANKED, OR WELCOMED HOME, AFTER SERVING OUR COUNTRY!** Please join me and other Veterans, family, friends, neighbors, motorbike riders and patriots, in giving these warriors the WELCOME HOME. They deserve it.

Our next WELCOME HOME ceremony is planned for Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 1300 hrs (1:30 PM), at 420 Front St. Danville, Community Center, for Lcpl. Brock Marcotte, USMC. Brock is a 2010 graduate of San Ramon Valley HS and entered the US Marine Corps, one week after graduating. He served a tour in Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. He is presently serving at Twenty Nine Palms, CA.

Please join us in giving him the **WELCOME HOME** and **THANKS FOR SERVING** that he deserved, and we did not get, when we returned home.

NOV Guest Speaker: Sgt. Vincent Silva



Bataan Death March Survivor

DURING WORLD WAR II, ONE OF TWENTY-FIVE POW'S IN EUROPE DIED AS PRISONERS OF THE GERMANS, WHILE ONE OF THREE POW'S IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC DIED AS PRISONERS OF THE JAPANESE. FOR SGT. SILVA'S UNIT, THE 200TH CA (AA) FROM NEW MEXICO, THIS NUMBER WAS ONE OF TWO.

NOVEMBER'S GUEST SPEAKER WILL SHARE HIS STORY OF ONE SOLDIER — WHAT HIS LIFE WAS BEFORE THE WAR, WHAT HE WENT THROUGH TO SURVIVE THE SAVAGE TREATMENT OF THE JAPANESE, AND HIS STRUGGLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS WIFE & DAUGHTER AFTER THE DEFEAT OF AND LIBERATION FROM HIS JAPANESE CAPTORS. JOIN US & HEAR HIS AMAZING STORY THURS - NOV. 3RD

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Crow Canyon Country Club



President's NOV Message

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VETERAN'S DAY Notes...

FREE - yes, Free dinners and meals are being given to those who are currently serving & all who have served. A select number of generous businesses on Veteran's Day & the week-prior and days after are Honoring our Veterans who proudly wore a uniform in the U. S. Military. A "special follow-up edition" featuring discounts available for vets will follow this weekend & be online @ www.VNVDV.com



Don't Miss This...

THURSDAY - NOV. 3rd is the VNVDV ANNUAL MEETING... at Crow Canyon Country Club. OK... What does that mean? Not too much different from our other outstanding dinner meetings, with great guest speakers! Except - according to our by-laws once a year at our Annual Meeting we begin the voting process for our new officers and directors for the following year. All current VNVDV members are encouraged to show up - attend the dinner - hear a great speaker and you can vote at the meeting. If you live out of the area, or are unable to attend - current members will receive electronic ballots with instructions for "mailing" them back to our election committee at the organizational P.O. Box - as required by the deadline of NOV. 15th.

We hope everyone can make the meeting, & know it's tough for some. So if not - vote by mail. We appreciate everyone's active participation and involvement in our organization. You do make a difference. Thank You for your Service & Welcome Home.

Two upcoming events that are very important to the VNVDV are, Operation Santa Claus & the 2012 Crab Feed.

Operation Santa Claus is held annually to thank the families of serving US Coast Guard, Gold Star Families, Reserve/National Guard families and families of Veterans. This event is hosted by **Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery, Blue Star Moms** and the VNVDV, to thank these families for their services and sacrifices and help make the Holiday Season a joyous one.

Operation Santa needs new toys for approximately 200 children, male and female, of all ages, for these families.

Please bring any gift, unwrapped, to our December 1 Christmas Dinner Meeting. Toys that are not distributed at Operation Santa will be donated to the **USMC's Toys For Tots** program.

Our annual **Crab Feed** will be held Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the Danville Community Center - 420 Front Street in Danville. This event is the **only** fund raising event for the VNVDV.

What we are in need of, is some **high value items** for our silent auction. If you have a vacation condo, time share unit, airline miles or anything else that would bring in a large amount of dollars, to donate for our auction please let me know. Other auction items are also needed. **If you have something you wish to donate, please contact me.** I can be reached via telephone at [925-743-8850](tel:925-743-8850) or via e-mail, at jyahi@com.

We also will need volunteers to help plan and conduct the **Crab Feed**. If you wish to help, please contact me, at the above phone and e-mail address.

Next month will be our annual **Christmas and Awards Dinner**. The dinner will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. This will be a sit down dinner with the choice of prime rib, chicken or vegetarian entrée. Price will **probably** be **\$35** per person. **RESERVATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.** Please contact Mike "Slatts" Slattengren for reservations. Slatts can be reached at: [925 / 837- 6238](tel:925-837-6238). (CORRECTED)

See you at our November 3rd our official Annual Meeting to begin the vote on the Election of Officers & Board of Directors for 2012..



Our Nomination Committee wants members interested
in developing the VNVDV's 21st year & beyond...
help the Legacy continue - consider serving as a Director in 2012!

Consider using your few extra hours to volunteer and serve where it will really count in our organization - on our **Board of Directors!** Announced by President Jerry Yahiro at our October dinner - our **2012** nominations have been open for officers & board positions. Nominations have been received for most all positions. The elections will begin this month at our Annual Meeting November 3rd. The President's Nomination Committee is still considering VNVDV members as candidates for **two director positions...** one for **Director of Information** - and the other position is the **Director of Events**. These are both exciting and key roles which obtain a great deal of support from all of the officers and other board members. These are active roles in our organization for someone who has some time to volunteer in our community to help our veteran service organization. Both positions will be on our **Board of Directors** for our 2012 year. Everyone knows we are a fun group that is doing a lot... that's why we are still looking for "a few good members" to step forward. They need to want to help us continue the outstanding growth & activities we have worked so hard to provide for our fellow veterans, active-duty military, & for those returning home. Plus an interest in all of our great community service projects. ***These are both great positions in the VNVDV.***

Past President Del Loewe is **accepting & reviewing all nominations of any VNVDV members.** He will gladly go over the duties & responsibilities of these two "open" director positions if you have questions about the roles. Del serves as *Chair* of this committee and Past President Rich Lambert and Past President Mike Weber also serve on this committee & they handle the entire nomination & election process. They will help you understand the role.

Ballots will be prepared with all of the nominated 2012 candidates for Voting at the November 3rd meeting as prescribed by our by-laws at the November meeting and electronically mailed to all current members. All completed ballots must be received by the Election Committee at the Nov. meeting or Mailed to the Election Chair at our organizational address - VNVDV - P. O. Box 2079 - Danville, CA 94596 & must be received no later than November 15th. Ballots need to be signed for verification of membership to be counted. All other ballots can be turned in at the Nov. 2011 dinner meeting by members present at the dinner. This is our official Annual Meeting & Election of Officers & Directors & will affect the operation of VNVDV for 2012. ***Please Join us!***

Diablo Valley's Veteran's Day Highlights. . .

Veterans Day Parade - Pleasanton

When: **Sunday, November 6, 2011 - 1:00 PM**

Where: Meet at Veterans Hall, Pleasanton by 12:00 Noon

Need: Marchers, Flag Bearers, etc.

Veterans Service Organization Recognition & Tribute by Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

When: **Tuesday, November 8, 2011 11:00 AM**

Where: County Administration Building, Martinez - meet by 10:30 AM

Diablo Vista Elementary School Tribute to Veterans

When: Thursday, November 10, 2011 - 8:30 AM

Where: 4791 Prewett Ranch Dr., Antioch, CA

**** Need: Veterans needed / prepared to talk with students in classrooms after the formal ceremonies.*

Greater Tri-Valley's *Primary* Veteran's Day Ceremonies In Danville

When: **Veteran's Day – Friday - November 11, 2011 - 11:00 AM**

Doors Open at 1000 HRS. (10:00 AM) for seating & viewing information exhibits & slide presentation

Formal Program starts at 1100 HRS. (11:00 AM)

Where: San Ramon Valley High School – in the Performing Arts Center - Danville, CA

**** Need: Personnel for Armed Services Color Guard - Contact Ray La Rochelle*



November Dinner Guest Speaker

SGT Vincent Silva

Bataan Death March Survivor

Author of "Senso Owari" (The War is Ended)

The Bataan Death March was the forcible transfer, by the Imperial Japanese Army, of over 75,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war after the three-month Battle of Bataan in the Philippines during World War II.

The 60 mile march was characterized by wide-ranging physical abuse and murder, and resulted in very high fatalities inflicted upon prisoners and civilians alike by the Japanese Army. It was later judged by an Allied military commission to be a Japanese war crime.

SGT Vincent Silva was a survivor of this atrocity and spent 3 ½ years as a prisoner of war of the Japanese Army.

Come hear the story of one man's sheer will to survive, overcoming constant torture, brutal living conditions, starvation, and disease. Our guest speaker on Thur. - Nov. 3rd



Attend County Board of Supervisor's Veteran's Day Recognition - on Tue - Nov 8 @ 11AM in Martinez

Hi Again All,

I wanted to follow up on my request for at least one member of each organization to attend [the Board of Supervisors Veterans Day Ceremony on November 8, 2011 at 11AM.](#)

I would like to recognize at least one member from each organization in attendance and have only heard back from a few. Can each organization please let me know who will be attending so I can ensure they are recognized at the beginning of the event. I also wanted to remind everyone parking can be difficult in down town Martinez so please plan on arriving by **10:30AM.**

Thanks again.

Phil Munley

Veteran Service Officer

Contra Costa County

PH: **925 / 323-1481**



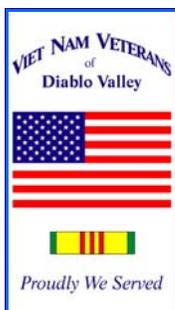
What You Need to Know about this Important Event:

THE DETAILS: It is on **Tuesday November 8, 2011 at 1100 HRS. (11:00AM)** and we are encouraging ALL VETERANS to attend the **Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Veterans Day Celebration.** This meeting is to recognize and appreciate all veterans. Phil Munley, our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer has requested **ALL** Veteran Service Organizations **be represented** with their officers and membership to be recognized at this event... so do please plan to attend.

The event will take place on Tuesday in the **Board Chambers** at: 651 Pine Street — in Martinez, CA. The ceremony will begin at **11AM** - so Phil Munley has requested for everyone to arrive at around **10:30.** Allow time, parking can be difficult in Martinez.

Our County Board of Supervisors has long history of supporting Veterans and our causes. This is an opportunity for us as the Veteran community to express our thanks to the Board, as well as giving the Board another opportunity to express their thanks, again for the sacrifice and service of Contra Costa Veterans. In our opinion... this is a very important show of our local veteran support for our valuable County VSO Office and we strongly encourage all VSO's to be represented. Please pass the word and encourage everyone to attend on **Tuesday at Nov. 8th.**

As Phil mentioned in his note above, he would like to ensure that each organization in attendance is recognized so if each organization could designate someone to be in attendance and let Phil Munley's County VSO know who that person is prior to the event and Phil will announce them at the beginning of the ceremony. Thanks to all and we look forward to seeing everyone at this Board of Supervisor's Celebration - and the many other programs honoring our Contra Costa veterans for Veteran's Day.



The Greater Tri-Valley's 2011 VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

VETERANS DAY 2011

Communities Of San Ramon Valley

Honor All Our Military Service Veterans

VFW

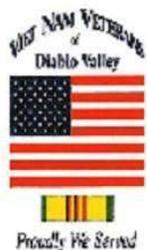


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AMERICAN LEGION



Friday, November 11, 2010 at 11:00 AM
Performing Art Center
San Ramon Valley High School
501 Danville Blvd, Danville CA 94526

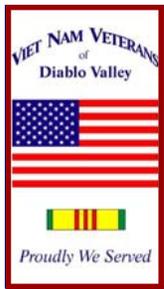


Keynote Speaker: MAJ ROB DYER USMC - IRAQ VETERAN

****Special Addition: Slide Show of Local Veterans "TODAY'S WARRIORS" To
Run From 10:30-11:00 AM – Come Early And Enjoy The Show****
Doors Open To The Public At 10:00 AM

Friday - NOV. 11th @ 11AM

San Ramon Valley High School - Performing Art Center



SAVE TIME at all Dinners by having **YOUR CHECK**
Made Payable to the "VNVDV" -
Written in Advance - for the Correct Amount.
Our Regular Meeting Buffet Dinner is \$25. per person

Please Note: You may also pay **CASH** or use a Major Credit Card.
The VNVDV is charged a percentage "processing fee" on all Credit Cards.

Attention ALL ANNUAL DUES PAYING Members:
Your 2012 Membership is Important...

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

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

It's that time of the Year!!!

**Reservations for our "Annual Holiday
Recognition Dinner Gala" are now
being accepted for our Dec. 1st Meeting!**

Please RSVP to VP Mike Slattengren at:

mjslatt@yahoo.com or Call: 925/837-6238

(at the "corrected" phone number above)

This year's holiday dinner is Prime Rib or Chicken with all the fancy trimmings from the Crow Canyon Country Club. We have kept the cost the same as last year for this very special event at \$35. per person. Reservations are required - along with your choice of entrée. The chef will also prepare a vegetarian plate if required.

Make your reservations with "Slatts" NOW for Dec. 1st.

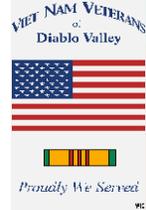
(if you are at the NOV meeting - RSVP when you check-in)

*You can RSVP & pay in advance
at the November Dinner*



Remember Your Unwrapped Toys!





VA Health Care and Benefits Information for Veterans



Visit the NEW Concord VET Center

DENVER F. MILLS, M.A.

1333 Willow Pass Road in Concord

E-mail: Denver.Mills@va.gov

Cell: 925 / 787 - 4226

Fax: 925 / 680 - 0410

Vet Center

CONCORD

925 / 680 - 4526

Dedicated to all who sacrificed . . . to assure our freedom

Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office

Phil Munley and the outstanding Veteran Service Office Team stand ready to help YOU and your Family!

Stop & get the new "State Veteran Benefit Handbook" - available today!

**Do yourself & your family a favor
Get a "Benefit Check-Up"
You already "earned" these benefits!**

Contra Costa County

Phillip A. Munley
County Veterans Service Officer

10 Douglas Drive, Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553-4078
Phone (925) 313-1481
Fax (925) 313-1490
E-mail: pmunl@vs.cccounty.us

100 - 37th Street, Room 1033
Richmond, CA 94805-2179
Phone (510) 374-3241
Fax (510) 374-7955



The VNVDV urges all VETS to...

Go to our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office FIRST - to obtain information on YOUR Health Benefits

Visit: www.va.gov

All Veterans should Carry this CARD...



Don't Leave Home Without It!
The "Best Care" is VA Medical Care!

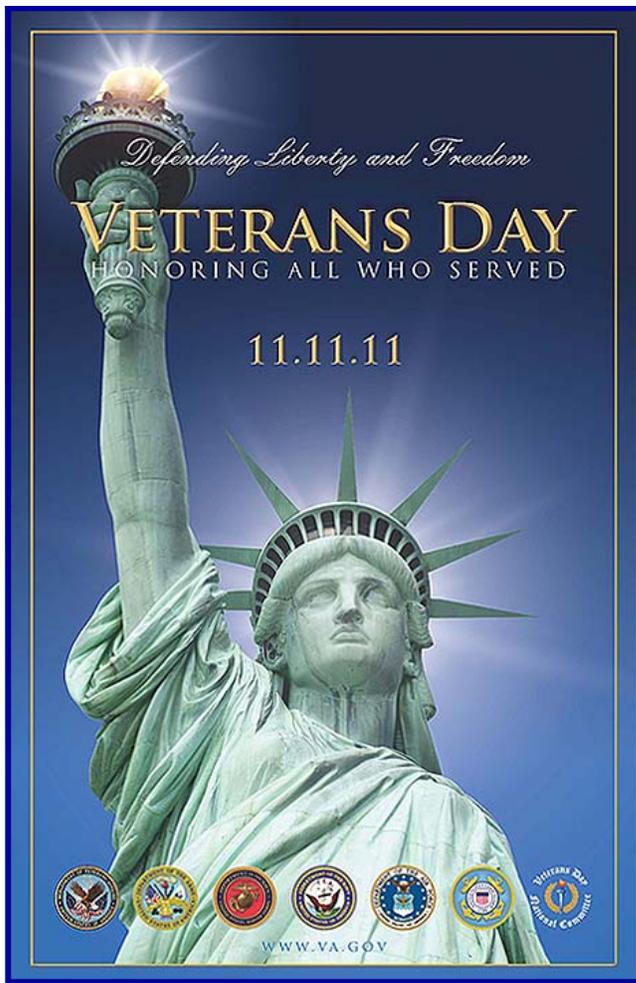
VA Clinic - Martinez "the best medical care for vets"

has your FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE NOW!

No Appointment Necessary - Drop-In!

8:30AM - 12Noon & 1:00PM - 4:00PM

VA Northern California Health Care System



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Veteran's Day
for the
San Ramon Valley
to be held in
Danville at
San Ramon Valley
High School
Performing Arts Center

The Veteran's Day Program

Please arrive by: 10:50 AM

At 10 AM Informational tables in the lobby provided by the Veteran Service Organizations - Blue Star Moms - Sentinels of Freedom - All Wars Memorial - Veterans Memorial Building & more...

**Remember to Thank our Veterans on November 11th &
Welcome Home a Veteran Everytime You See One in Uniform**

The 2011 Veteran's Day Program is a joint effort of all the Veteran Service Organizations supporting our new Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley.

**We Proudly Support Our Blue Star Moms
and We Ask YOU Please Do The Same...
Visit Their Websites for Drop Zones Near You.**

Contra Costa BLUE STAR MOMS - Chapter 20

Check-out website for drop zones: www.ccbluestarmoms.org

San Francisco East Bay BLUE STAR MOMS - Chapter 101

Check out-website for drop-zones: www.bluestarmoms.org

Their hearts are on the line... with sons & daughters!

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

**Proud to Support the new Veterans Memorial Building's
Historical Library & Museum**

VNVDV President Jerry Yahiro announced this week the Board's donation of a new computer system for the cataloging & retrieval of the new historical section & library at the VMB.

Annual "Holiday Appreciation Dinner" - DEC. 1st
Mark Your Calendar - RSVP Reservations Necessary.

***Interested in Being More Active?
Involvement in Community Service?
Investigate One of our many Committees
Find Out More at our "Business Meeting"***

Involvement makes the difference! Your personal activity and participation makes it all work. We thank those who are active and enjoy the many programs - projects & events our organizations participates in throughout the Diablo Valley. We cannot do it alone and thank the many wonderful organizations who partner and work with us in most all of our events. The teamwork & joint effort benefits all veterans & those we serve in our great community. Our successful efforts are well known & we would like your to be on the team. Together we make a difference. Join us! If you are a member - join a committee of interest - get more involved - you will enjoy it and make new & lasting friendships! ***We believe - you will be glad you did - it may change your life!*** Veterans serving Veterans

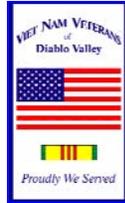
**Learn More about our organization
Attend one of our Board of Director Meetings
Crow Canyon Country Club**

3rd Thursday of the Month

VETERAN'S DAY

**Many "FREE" Offers for Military
and Veterans! Are You Ready?**

OK VETS... HERE IS THE DEAL... In about 2 days you will receive another "SPECIAL VETERAN'S DAY EDITION" of our NEWS - LISTING MOST OF ALL of the "FREE" Ifood & other items available for veterans during Veteran's Day Week. ***THE DEAL IS... YOU NEED TO PROVE YOU ARE A VETERAN!*** NOW, This is just another reason for "Every Veteran" (Yes - All of you) to make time to visit the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office & Visit PHIL MUNLEY & his outstanding team in Martinez. When you are done with your "BENEFIT CHECK-UP" then go across the street to the VA CLINIC in Martinez & get YOUR Very Own "VA HEALTH BENEFIT ID CARD." You Know... the one with YOUR NAME & "YOUR PHOTO" ON IT! Yes, it has the official VA logo! Then when you are trying to get a FREE meal at CHILI'S - APPLEBEE'S & asked "TO SHOW PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE!" You will have something besides the "OLD WORN-OUT" vet TEE-SHIRT you have been wearing for years! Yes, You will have an ACTUAL GOVERNMENT VETERAN HEALTH BENEFIT ID CARD— Good at all V.A. facilities! OK... Did you get the point? Go & make an appointment & see Phil Munley at the County VSO in Martinez NOW! ***It will be the best thing you can do!***



Operation Welcome Home Events



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. **This next weekend there is a Welcome Home planned in Danville... watch for details in your e-mail.**



HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE AT A WELCOME HOME EVENT?

It is easier than you might think...

Obtain the location, bring a 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 member when you see them. You will feel good inside...

Win - Win !

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley "Salute" the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade and the Warriors Watch Riders for their ongoing efforts in making each one of our east bay Operation Welcome Home events a great success! Thank You



Join fellow veteran groups & 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 servi

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!





VETERANS DAY

FREE MEALS FOR VETERAN'S... See the details

2011 "FREE" VETERAN'S DAY MEALS for those who Proudly Served our Nation

Applebee's – Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Last year, Applebee's served 1,024,000 million free meals to military veterans and active service members. Applebee's is again offering a **free meal** to military veterans and active-duty service members on **Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011**. There will be **7 entrées to choose from**. Military ID or proof of service required. Find locations at <http://applebees.com/>.

Chili's – Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. This offer is available during business hours on **November 11, 2011** at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only; beverages and gratuity not included. Veterans and active duty military simply show proof of military service. [Visit their website to find locations.](#)

Golden Corral – Free meal, Monday Nov. 14: The 10th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation dinner will be held on **Monday, November 14, 2011 from 5 pm to 9 pm** in all Golden Corral Restaurants nationwide. The **free "thank you" dinner** is available to any person who has ever served in the United States Military. If you are a veteran, retired, currently serving, in the National Guard or Reserves, you are invited to participate in **Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday dinner**. For more information visit <http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>.

Special thanks to Golden Corral: To date, *Golden Corral* restaurants have provided over 2.5 million *free meals* & contributed over \$4.3 million to *DAV National*.

Hooters – Free Meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Hooter's is serving up a **free meal** to military veterans **all day on Veterans Day**. Offer good for all veterans and active duty military personnel. Choose one of the new specialty items on the Hooter's menu. Offer valid at participating Hooters only; open to all active duty and military veterans with valid military ID or proof of military service. **Drink purchase required**. For more information, visit, www.HootersVeteransDay.com.

Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut. Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on **Friday November 11th**. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants – free lunch or dinner, Sunday Nov 13, 2011: McCormick & Schmick's is celebrating their 13th annual Veteran's Appreciation Event on **Sunday, November 13th**. Veterans will be able to choose a complimentary lunch or dinner entrée. Veterans must provide proof of military service. Be sure to contact your local McCormick & Schmick's as this is valid at participating restaurants only. Also, Space is limited and reservations are highly recommended. For more information visit: [M&S Veterans Appreciation Event](#).

Outback Steakhouse – A week of Free Bloomin' Onions and Cokes Monday Nov. 7 – Friday Nov. 11. Outback Steakhouse is honoring America's military veterans by offering active duty military and veterans a free Bloomin' Onion and a Coca-Cola product **during the week leading up to Veteran's Day**. This offer is available to Military Personnel who have **one of the following forms of identifications**: U.S Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), DD form 214, Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion, VFW, VA, etc) For more information, visit, <http://outback.com/companyinfo/veteransday.aspx>.

The Outback understands commitment. For the past two years, *The Outback*, with the help of their patrons, has donated \$2 Million to [Operation Homefront](#), a non-profit organization providing everyday & emergency support for active troops, wounded warriors & their families. **THANK YOU "OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE"**

Subway – Free Six Inch Sub. Select Subway locations offer a **FREE** six inch sub to military veterans **on Veteran's Day**. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

Texas Roadhouse – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Offer varies by location; our local Texas Roadhouse is offering a free meal from opening until 4pm. Other locations may vary in offer, hours, or availability. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Buy one get one free Nov 11-14. At participating locations for anyone with an old or current military ID. November 11-14.

Uno Chicago Grill, Friday, Nov. 11. Uno's is offering a **free entree** or individual pizza **with a purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value**. Offer good for all military for veterans and active duty military. ID or proof of service required: Show up in uniform (if your service permits), provide military ID, show a picture of yourself in uniform, or have other ID showing proof of service. [More info here](#).

**Watch for a "Special Veteran's Day Edition"
this weekend... featuring VET discounts & more!
Also - Check for Events on-line @ www.VNVDV.com**

Operation Santa Claus

Sponsored by Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery



Please Remember to "Bring an Un-Wrapped Toy"
to our DEC. 1st Holiday Dinner!

As in year's past... Our goal is to collect toys for both male & female children of all ages, unwrapped. Our members & guest have been great at this project every year!

Your kindness & generosity in providing these wonderful Toys we will have collected at our Annual Holiday Dinner on Dec. 1st - will be distributed at OPERATION SANTA... to children of special invited families, serving with the U.S. Coast Guard, Gold Star Families, Reserve/National Guard Families and GWOT families... selected by the Command.

All Toys Left each year are donated to our local USMC Toys For Tots program.

Contact: Jerry Yahiro - PH: 925 / 743 - 8850 - E: jyahiro@aol.com

Sponsored by: TESORO Golden Eagle Refinery

Hosted by: the Blue Star Moms & VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley



HELP NOW

Start to Support our "Super Crab Feed" with a "Donation" for our Auction.



Members: Please Begin to Obtain Donations for our Sunday - FEB. 5th 2012 Crab Feed Contact President Jerry Yahiro @ 925 / 743-8850

Tickets will go on Sale in December. Official Donation Request Letters are available from Public Relations.

All Funds Raised at our "Charity Crab Feed" will go to support our 2012 Veteran & Community Service Projects. Start NOW & Help!



We are in need of members & friends obtaining "DONATIONS" - Merchandise & Gift Certificates for our "Super Crab Feed" Silent Auction!



Mailing Overseas to our Military during the Holiday

The United States Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency have released deadlines to ensure packages arrive to Military and State Department post offices overseas by Dec. 25, 2011. Deadlines to ensure arrival by Dec. 25 are **Nov. 12 for parcel post mail; Nov. 26 for space-available mail; Dec. 3 for parcel airlift mail; Dec. 10 for priority mail and first-class mail, letters and cards; and Dec. 17 for express mail military service.** Not all Military or State Department post offices are eligible for Express Mail Military Service. For information on mailing deadlines and restrictions, e-mail the Military Postal Service at: [mailto: MPSA-TR@conus.army.mil](mailto:MPSA-TR@conus.army.mil) or visit the Military Postal Services Agency website at: <http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/>. **The VNVDV Proudly Supports our Troops!**

WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION "Wine for Wheels" in NOVEMBER

"Wine for Wheels" at Massimo Ristorante in Walnut Creek

Wine for Wheels Event Type: *Restaurant Theme @ MASSIMO*

Date: *Monday - November 7th - 2011*

Beginning at: *5:00 pm - Until: 9:00 pm*

Location Address: *1604 Locust Street - Walnut Creek, CA 94596*



The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley support the Wheelchair Foundation

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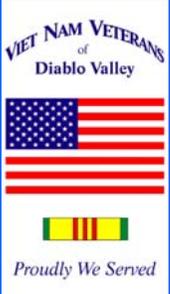
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Thank you for your support of the renovation of your beautiful new Veterans Memorial Building—Watch for the Opening (January/February), and join in the Grand Celebration!

You may name your legacy by visiting the website at www.info@srvVeteransHall.org, or call Linda at 925 / 362-9806 for more information.



Support Our New Building



The *Summit Financial* Charity Golf Tournament

resulted in a contribution to the new Veterans Memorial Building of just over \$24,000.00 !

MANY THANKS TO - Don Ledoux & the *Summit Financial* Team!

There's still time to get your name on a permanent plaque inside the building - talk to Linda at 925 / 362 - 9806 to make your pledge!

Thank you to John Estes and Bob Sada for your day of Volunteerism at Castlewood. Your efforts set a great example!

Leave a Legacy... Make a Pledge!



In an Disaster... the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley say
we want you to be prepared:
You should know how to let someone know YOU are OK -
& How to Find Someone Else in an Emergency...



After a Disaster



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Do you want to *let someone know* that you are OK?

By computer: Go to www.safeandwell.org
Press/Click on the button "*List myself as Safe and Well*"
and follow the instructions.

By phone: Call **1-443-992-4890**
You will be able to select from a list of pre-recorded
phone messages. You will not be able to leave
a *personal* message.

Either way, by phone or computer, you will be asked to leave your
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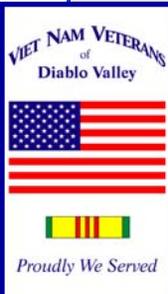
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With all the recent Earthquakes... the VNVDV encourages you to:
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The VNVDV meets each month on the **1st Thursday** of every month in the Diablo Valley @ **Crow Canyon Country Club**. Our Board of 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... fellow veterans - active duty military - history buffs ... Join us.

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

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MONTHLY DINNERS with GUEST SPEAKERS

1st THURSDAY - November 3rd

at CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon

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