Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley

"Proudly We Served"

VSO Corn Beef / Cabbage Dinner Fund Raiser Saturday March 14th
Sentinels of Freedom GALA - Saturday - March 28th

Super Crab Feed 2015 – Best One Ever!
Thanks to all the hard work of our Crab Feed Committee and the participation of our members and friends we had the best net revenue from our Crab Feed ever – over $13,000! It was a great event with great food and drinks and a really exciting game.

Walk of Honor 2015
Plans are well underway for our 7th annual Walk coming up on Saturday May 16, 2015. The website is up and running so go there and sign up for our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you are physically unable to make the walk, that’s OK – come for the great food, interesting guest speaker and great raffle items. Under the sponsorship of our friends at Phillips 66 Refinery, John Reese and I were at the Western States Petroleum Association Luncheon last week trying to drum up walkers from the other refineries and associated industries. Our presentation was well received so hopefully, this could be the biggest Walk ever. Come one, come all.

Memorial Day 2015
Plans are underway for our 24th annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at Oak Hill Park in Danville on May 25, 2015. As always, we'll need volunteers there early to help set up the shade cover and chairs. This is our "Flagship" event so please plan on being there. We have a great speaker lined up and the Danville Community Band to provide music for the event. Mark your calendar.

Proudly We Served” & continue to serve Veterans and our Community.

Welcome March 2015 Speaker Ruth Gasten - Jewish Girl who was born in Germany in 1933, the year Hitler rose to power. The story of her father being dragged off to a concentration camp and her escape to the United States.

 Armed Forces Day
May 16, 2014
Phillis 66
Walk of Honor
Be a “Tribute Walker”
In Crockett
Application Form In This Newsletter

March 2015
Raymond “Ray” La Rochelle
VNVDV President 2015
We look forward to seeing all our friends at the VSO Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner Saturday March 14th - Tickets - Contact Dennis Giacovelli

Donations are Critically Needed for Corn Beef Cabbage fundraiser on March 14th.
Bring them to the Danville VMB or call Dennis Giacovelli
925/323-9404
Phillips 66 - San Francisco Refinery & Carbon Plant Honor the Men and Women who Served Our Nation & those serving currently on Armed Forces Day - 3rd Saturday in May in Crockett with the “WALK of HONOR” for our veterans! Phillips 66 and the VNVDV invites you to join with us in honoring & celebrating the service of our military veterans on May 16th Armed Forces Day 2015. Currently, the employees are organizing their “7th Annual Phillips 66 “Walk of Honor” a key-stone community event sponsored & hosted by Phillips 66. On Saturday, May 16, the "Walk of Honor" is a short walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge & back - followed by an amazing BBQ luncheon. Last year’s event was a huge success. More than 400 employees, contractors, sponsors & local residents participated in the celebration, together raising in excess of $140,000 in the past six years. Phillips 66 event planning team is working hard help surpass last years fundraising & attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling morning honoring the men & women who have valiantly served our nation. This event supports our veterans Once again, Phillips 66 is partnering with both the Vietnam Veterans of the Diablo Valley (VNVDV), and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD). Phillips 66 equally divide all proceeds from the Walk between these two organizations. The VNVDV is an incredible organization comprised of community volunteers who work diligently providing support services to veterans in need, including hosting the “East Bay Stand Down”. The volunteers of the CCSD have undertaken a huge public benefit challenge, leading the efforts to re-store the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building. We are very honored to support these two worthy causes and hope we can count on your support. Registration is NOW OPEN. Sponsorships are available - see walk website for details at: wwwSFRWalkofHonor.com and contact Aimee Lohr at Phillips 66. Please join us in 2015. Watch for updates on our website - in our newsletters - Facebook & Flash news! We are Honored to partner with Phillips 66 SFR & Carbon Plant.
A few Tickets still available for the all VSO

Saturday - March 14th 2015 @ 5:00 PM

Second Annual - Combined /Joint

Veterans Service Organization (VSO)

VMB Operations Corned Beef & Cabbage
Fundraiser Dinner - $35.00

See Dennis Giacovelli for TICKETS or questions - Tickets going fast - purchase now!

Help by collecting a donated item to auction - mark “for CB&C” & deliver to the Veterans Memorial Building as soon as possible or contact Dennis.

All funds collected go directly to YOUR Veterans Memorial Building Operating Committee to fund VMB operating expenses for the Veterans portion of the building

Do Your Part… Purchase your tickets NOW!
Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley March Birthdays

This month please acknowledge the following:

Frank Wallace - Marine - 3/3
Dennis Peterson - Army - 3/8
John Baker - Navy - 3/17
Robert Paulson - Army - 3/27

Sentinels of Freedom Annual Dinner Gala

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 28th, 2015
at The Bridges Golf Club, San Ramon, CA

Corporal Kyle Carpenter, United States Marine Corps,
Sentinels of Freedom Scholar and Medal of Honor recipient
will be our special guest speaker.
Please join us as we honor our Sentinels.

Further details about the event and sponsorship opportunities to follow, early 2015. For immediate inquiries please contact Jenny Howard at jennyh@sentinelsoffreedom.org

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Veterans’ Voices Program from the Feb 16
Now Available online & on-demand

Veterans’ Voices this month featured - Jerry Yahiro, Bill Green & John Reese sharing their volunteer experiences & VNVDV Service Programs provided to the community.
“Super Sunday Crab Feed” Gathering - Pictures Record the Success

The Count Down to Next Year Started on Feb. 2, 2015
Looking Forward to a Greater Level of Participation Next Year —Thanks to All Who Made This “Super Sunday Crab Feed” Possible
Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - “Operation Welcome Home”

Our beginning... On Dec. 24th, 2005, Christmas eve, we started a tradition of honoring our returning service members by organizing an event known as “Operation Welcome Home”, a celebration to show our support and recognition for their service to our country. We invite members of their city government, police, fire, VSO's such as Blue Star Moms, VFW posts, American Legion members, Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, military families groups, community groups, family members and neighbors. We work with motorcycle groups like the Warrior Watch Riders to escort the service member home to a surprise “Welcome Home!”

We have proudly been conducting Operation Welcome Home events for the past nine – plus years!

www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com

OPERATION WELCOME HOME
The VNVDV is Proud to Participate & Support the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade Warriors Watch Riders & OPERATION WELCOME HOME

Visit Diablo Valley Flag Brigade at www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com
Or contact WWR below:

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HARRY STONELAKE
RECOGNIZED

Tom - Dick - no... it was Harry who was recognized by the VNVDV Board of Directors for his long time dedication to the organization preparing plaques for all our monthly guest speakers. Harry has lots of plaques - so he got an “old one” with his name “taped on” - we saved money! We also gave him a case of wine which he appreciated a lot more! Thanks Harry from all of us!
Future Speakers

March 5th  Ruth Gasten- Jewish Girl who was born in Germany in 1933, the year Hitler rose to power. The story of her father being dragged off to a concentration camp and her escape to the United States

April 2nd  Mary Torres- “Rosie the Riveter” served as a welder at Moore’s Shipyard in Oakland during WWII

May 7  Steven Burchik “An Ordinary Year, An Extraordinary Time” has photography exhibit of his year in Viet Nam

June 4th  Jason Deitch and Michael Ergo presenting “War Ink”

July 2  Hank Glauser works for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a Principal Investigator for Global Security of our Countries Ports

August 6  Cornelia and Lang Srey “The Smell of Water” a twelve year old soldiers escape form the Khmer Rouge Army and the story of his survival

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Steve Minniear of the Dublin Historical Preservation Association wrote the authoritative book on the history of Camp Parks. The Seabees, a Naval transit station & an Air Force training center were all part of Camp Parks history.
2015 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans
Sponsored by Phillips 66 Refinery & Carbon Plant

Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans on **Saturday, May 16, 2015**. The 7th Annual "WALK of Honor for our Veterans" will be a short walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and back. Last year’s event was a huge success & well attended. Over 600 employees, contractors & local residents participated in the celebration, and together we raised in excess of $40,000! We are working hard to surpass last year’s fundraising and attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling Armed Forces Day 2015 honoring the men and women who proudly serve today and those who have valiantly served our nation.

**Schedule of Events at 2015 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans in Crockett**

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

8:00AM - 9:30AM – “Walk” Check-In / Registration at the Crockett Community Center - 850 Pomona Street - Crockett, CA. Register on-line in advance at: [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com) - $25. Registration includes “Walk” Shirt & BBQ Lunch.

8AM – 1PM - The VA along with many local Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) & other non-profit organizations serving veterans & their families will be on hand providing information regarding their services / programs / projects and benefits available to veterans / family members and those who proudly serve today.

10:00AM - “Walk” begins. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge.

11:45AM - Luncheon Ceremony. Following the “Walk” all registered participants are invited to join us for a special BBQ luncheon & ceremony, including music and a outstanding raffle.

100% of all contributions to the Phillips 66 Walk of Honor will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD). The VNVDV is dedicated to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Hall.

Please join us and help support those currently serving & all of our nation's veterans on **SAT – May 16th** Armed Forces Day in Crockett at the 2015 Phillips 66 Walk of Honor for our Veterans. **We’ll look for you!**
Blackhawk Museums
New Exhibition Now Open

The Spirit of the Old West exhibition tells the story of the western frontier from the perspective of both the Native Americans and the settlers before, during & after the expansion west. The exhibition features authentic artifacts from the period, a large diorama depicting key historic moments, scenes of wildlife from the frontier & other elements that bring the past to life. Not to be missed!

Also at the Blackhawk Museum...

The Wheelchair Foundation’s 15th Year Anniversary Gala

June 13, 2015

Save the Date for this Special Event

Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle
Danville, CA 94506
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans. The "Walk of Honor" will be a short walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and back. Last year's event was a huge success. More than 450 employees, contractors and local residents participated in the celebration, and together we raised in excess of $39,000. We are working hard to surpass last years fundraising and attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling day honoring the men and women who have valiantly served our nation.

**Schedule of Events**

8:00 - 9:30 am  - Check in at the Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge.

10:00 am  - "Walk" begins.

11:45 am  - Luncheon Ceremony.

Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a luncheon ceremony. There will also be music by the John Swett High School Band and a raffle.

Many local veterans service organizations will be on hand providing information regarding their services.

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Phillips 66 is proud to be the Lead Sponsor of American Jobs for America's Heroes, a national nonprofit campaign coordinated by the Center for America to encourage employers to post jobs for 60,000+ unemployed National Guard members. Register at www.CenterForAmerica.org to post jobs at no cost.

For questions, contact Paul Adler, Phillips 66 Public Relations Manager at 510-245-4400 or Aimee Lohr, Phillips 66 Community Relations Representative at 510-245-5130.
Sign up today for the May 16, 2015 event! Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the “Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge” and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

Check-in 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the Crockett Community Center. Walk will begin at 10:00 am

www.SFRWalkofHonor.com www.SFRrefinery.com

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

Registration Form

Last Name: ___________________ First Name: ___________________

Mailing Address:________________________ Street Address: ______________

City, State, Zip ____________________________ Email: _____________________

Phone #: ________________________

Walking in honor of: __________________________

Veterans Name(s): __________________________

Registration $25.00 T-shirt and BBQ included

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

Register online at www.SFRWalkofHonor.com or mail registration form to:

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

Participation waiver must be filled out completely. Application deadline is May 10, 2015.

Participant Waiver

I, ___________________________ do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless
Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from any
and all liability or claims of injury of whatsoever nature which may be incurred by me as a result of my voluntary participation
in the Walk of Honor for our Veterans event sponsored by Phillips 66 on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

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

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

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

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

________________________________________

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

________________________________________

Date

For additional information, please contact Aimee Lohr at 510.245.5130 or Paul Adler at 510.245.4400

Thank you for your support!

Please Mail this form in “Signed” with your “check” (no cash) or bring it with you to register the day of the event in Crockett.

Please Note - If you do Register On-Line “In-Advance” with your Credit Card - You are agreeing to the above Participant Waiver & Waiver On-Line.
VietNam Veterans Proudly Supports the Blackhawk Film Festival

Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley
Community Foundation

SAVE THE DATE for the 25th Annual

BLACKHAWK FOOD, WINE & FILM FESTIVAL

Date: Thursday, May 7th, 2015
Time: 5:30 – 8:30 PM
Location: The Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA

An Evening of Fun, Great Wines, Food and Entertainment featuring (24) Livermore Valley Wineries and the Finest Local Restaurants, Silent and Live Auction, Music with Special Guest Performers, the classic movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” and a Special Invitation to visit the New Wild West Museum & Blackhawk Auto Museum Included.

2015 FUND-A-CAUSE will benefit The Debbie Frey Memorial Fund giving our children the gift of music by funding local schools' Music Programs and Projects not funded by SRVUSD. Bring Music Back to our local schools and support our 2015 Fund-A-Cause.

America’s “SPIRIT OF THE OLD WEST” will come alive in front of you with a 150 Ft. locally hand painted mural and historical exhibition of antique artifacts and unique memorabilia that features American Plains Indians, Settlers and cowboys from the 1800’s to 1900’s.

DANVILLE/SYCAMORE VALLEY ROTARY: Since 1989
Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotarians have put “Service Above Self” by raising over $1 million to support local community and international projects and programs. Your donations and sponsorships are matched with personal donations and private grants without any administrative costs.

For more information, call or email, Drew Corradini, Tel. 415-990-1423 or drew.corradini@gmail.com; Tim Willett Tel. 415-571-5148 or visit www.BlackhawkFilmFestival.com

Proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Danville-Sycamore Valley Community Foundation a 501 (c) 3, charitable Tax status organization. A Private Event for the Donors of the Rotary Club of Danville-Sycamore Valley Community Foundation with a minimum annual donation of $50.00 or more.

See a D/SV Rotarian for an Invitation to this Private Event

The Blackhawk Film Festival is to Thank their Community Foundation Donors.
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley “INCOMING”

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Visit the VNVDV Web Often - our latest news is online at: www.VNVDV.com

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, non-profit, Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, value & maintain a high level of dignity & respect for the young men & women currently serving our nation today in all branches of our military services. Danville has a new Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley - designed for the next 100 years - to serve our veterans now - those returning & our future veterans - while serving as a lasting reminder & Memorial for all those who served before us in the name of Freedom.... leaving a “legacy”

The VNVDV meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at the Crow Canyon Country Club, in Danville. Our Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Building - Library / Board Room at 1800 Hrs. in Danville. To find out “details” & more about programs we support & events we sponsor... visit our website at www.VNVDV.com. All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our “open” 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 & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & community. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. All dinner meetings are OPEN - bring fellow veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - supporters... & Join us each month.

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

1st THURSDAY of each Month - Every Month
at CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in Danville, CA
Social Hour starts at 1700 - Buffet Dinner at 1815 - Join Us!
Featuring “Chef’s Choice Special Buffet Dinner” - $25. RSVP NOT Required!

the "INCOMING" - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV