

# INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

June 2016

## Thank You... Phillips 66 WALK of HONOR Huge Success! Large Turn-out at 25th Memorial Day Remembrance Help Distribute 10,000 Flags in Danville/Kiwanis 4th of July Parade

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May is done and what a ride! We started with our amazing partnership with **PHILLIPS 66** & the **WALK of HONOR for our Veterans** and ended with the **Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony** and in between a whole lot of Speaker engagements.

First, Phillips 66 **Walk of Honor on Armed Forces Day**, what an outstanding success & for all of you that took part, I can't thank you enough. This is a huge event for us because without it we would not be able support & sponsor all the programs & projects that we do. Personal **Thanks** to all for your help & for taking part in this year's walk - our *exhibitors* who got rained on & Thanks to all the great Sponsors.

**Speakers Bureau** with most of our schools done in May - **Mike Martin** reports that we have gone **over 70,000 students reached** & close to the 71,000 mark. **Thanks Mike for all your hard work sharing History with students.**

**Memorial Day**, our 25th year & another outstanding success... with a list to thank so long I can't list them all! I do have to give thanks to our Event Director **Jerry Yahiro** for putting together such a great program & **The GWOT's**. They showed up in great numbers & took care of us Old Guys setting up the "cammo" shade. Our thanks go out to **Mike Ergo & Maurice Delmer** from the Vet Center for bringing these young Vets. This year's Memorial Day was a team effort... from **Admiral Mary** to our two **Generals, Bart & Ron - Mayor Karen - GSM Yolanda** & the outstanding music from the **Danville Community Band** & **Lee** leading the *joint* VSO Rifle Salute & **T.J.** with the AMVETS UH-1 Huey escorted by **Matt** & the Warriors Watch Riders & our **Boy Scouts** distributing programs & the sharp **USMC Color Guard** from Concord.

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley THANK Phillips 66 SFR Management & Employees for their Sponsorship of the WALK of HONOR for our Veterans. Special appreciation goes to Public Affairs Manager Paul Adler and Aimee Lohr for their support of Veterans & local community on *Armed Forces Day* at the 8th annual Walk of Honor in Crockett.



**JUNE 2nd Speaker Donald Max Noel** served as an **FBI Agent** for over thirty years. During this period, Noel worked on numerous high profile investigations including serving the search warrant & arrest of the "UNABOMBER" Ted Kaczynsky - at his cabin outside Lincoln, Montana. Join us as our own former FBI Agent **Skip George** introduces Donald Noel at our Thurs. dinner meeting on June 2nd

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Bill Green VNVDDV President 2016

East Bay Stand

Down is our community support program to provide a helping hand-up - not a hand-out to our Homeless & in-need Veterans & the dates are modified to SEPT. 15 - 18 to provide additional time for set-up of the encampment. We are honored to be a Major Sponsor of EBSD 2016. Join us in supporting this major community effort



### VETERAN 's SAT Morning Social Coffee...

Join fellow Veterans each Saturday 8AM until 11AM In Danville at the Veterans Memorial Building Pastries too!



My thanks to the **Town of Danville Maintenance & Services Team & Police Volunteers** for chairs - parking lot set-up & keeping Oak Hill Park & the **All Wars Memorial** in great shape! Thanks to *Concord Vet Center's Maurice* who spent the hot afternoon over a BBQ cooking for our picnic.

**You're The MAN**, thanks from all of us Maurice, well done! Special Thanks to **Dennis Peterson** for bringing the *Camo - Slatts* for hauling everything back and forth from the Veterans Building - **Jon Robbins** our camera man - **John Reese for being John Reese** (and my PA) - and all the rest of you guys (*forgive me for not naming everyone*) **You are amazing & appreciated & I cannot THANK YOU enough!!!** Finally to all who attended & supported our 25th year remembering our fallen on Memorial Day.

Now on to June. June's meeting will be run by our **VP Dennis Giacobelli** because it's "the First Lady's" Birthday and we have made special plans in advance. I'm off for a week, but back at it next week getting ready for the GWOT retreat in 2 weeks. We will be taking 20-25 GWOT Veterans to the Duck Club for a special weekend retreat. A lot of those young men & woman who volunteered with our set-up & clean-up at Memorial Day will be at the **VNVDV's Duck Club Retreat**

The will enjoy 3 days of trap shooting, swimming, fly fishing lessons, horse shoes, outstanding eating, and Vets being with Vets. (*There are no drugs or alcohol---the only weekend of the year that the club is DRY!!!*) Plus a very special Huey ride for these young Veterans!

Then... Next up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July honoring VietNam Veterans with member Jim Taylor as the Grand Marshall. Plus a party for all who distribute flags to the children along the route - and what a party it will be, but more on that next time.

Please attend the June meeting & I look forward to seeing you at our July dinner. Thanks to all our members & friends for all the support & friendship. *Enjoy the summer!*

**WILLIAM "BILL" GREEN**  
**President 2016**  
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## ***Viet Nam Veterans 4th of July Parade***

The VNVDV annually purchases over 10,000 American Flags - made in the USA for distribution to the children & patriotic crowd at the 4th of July Parade in Danville. Wear your shirt. VNVDV will distribute Flags. *Parade starts at 0900 VNVDV Members meet at 0800, south end of SRVHS, Love & Railroad.* This year the parade theme is Honoring VietNam Veterans. VNVDV Life Member & Medal of Honor recipient Jim Taylor has been selected as the Grand Marshall by the Kiwanis Club. The parade is also an official site recognizing the 50th Commemoration of the VietNam War & special items will be presented to all VietNam Vets. After the parade Prez. Bill Green will host a gathering of VNVDV parade participants at the plush but not overly ostentatious Green Estate on Pine Tree Drive in Alamo. Bring a salad, side dish or desert. The Parade is one of the most amazing events you - as a Viet Nam veteran can attend... *It is the Welcome Home you may not have received! Plus extremely rewarding distributing the Flags!*

# June has arrived & Bill Green with his Duck Club Members Salute **"GWOT"** Veterans with the VNVDV Annual Retreat

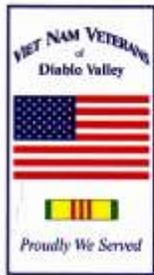
## Veteran Weekend Duck Club Retreat

Later this month VNVDV President Bill Green opens the **"Duck Club"** to **"GWOT"** veterans for a weekend retreat providing a relaxed environment to reacquaint, share experiences & participate in activities. A significant contributor to this effort is Phillips 66 SRF & Carbon Plant that sponsors the **"Walk of Honor."** **Bill Green** is the Chief Cook & his 23 hour days make the event the success it is. Offering clay pigeon shooting, fly casting lessons, swimming, movies, campfires, game room, BBQ & this year a **"Hide & Seek"** event for the veterans. This great outdoor setting makes this is premier event for these young Veterans. Congratulations to Bill & **"Duck Club Members"** as well as the support of Nathan Johnson & our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office for this support program. A highlight will be a flight aboard the UH-1 Huey thanks to *Mike & Chris* owners of our VietNam Helicopter Museum in



Thanks Bill for your Planning - Organizing - Purchasing - Activities - Cooking & Use of your Private Duck Club.

Thanks to Procurement Director John T.J. Trujillo for his presentation of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Please contact T.J. for all your requirements.



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## **Veteran Alcatraz Swim Challenge**

**SEPT 25, 2016**

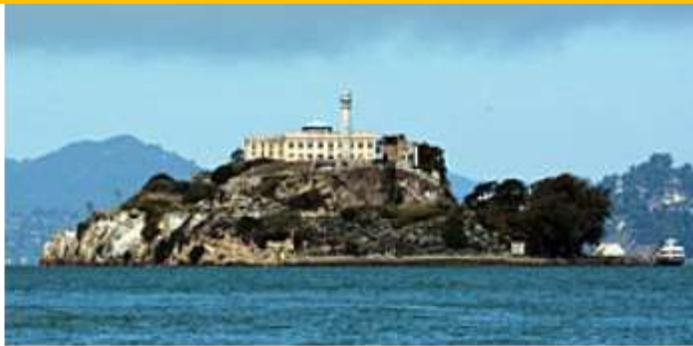
Eligible Participants: Veterans, Serving Military and their parents, spouses, children and siblings

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# **Veteran Swim Challenge**

## **September 25, 2016**

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**Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the Nadadores Locos Swim Club**

### **Jeff Jewell**

### **‘TAKES THE ROCK’**

### **for**

### **GOLD STAR PARENTS**

**To donate to the Blue Star Moms of the East Bay to support their annual Gold Star Parents event, please go to:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/24zrmxd7>

For questions, email Lynn Jewell at:

[lynn.jewell53@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.jewell53@gmail.com)

Or check out the website at:

<http://taketherock.com/>

*Jeff Jewell is an Air Force veteran who has been working with Northern California veterans and their families for over 30 years. During the last 10 years, Jeff has been involved in the annual Gold Star Parents Connecting and Sharing Event held each year in February at the Marine's Memorial in San Francisco. The Marine's Memorial and the Blue Star Moms of the East Bay are primary sponsors of this event for the parents and siblings of loved ones who lost their lives in the Global War on Terror.*

**Get Active in the VNVDV Swim Challenge**  
**- Take the Rock yourself - Start practicing or**  
**Vounteer & Donate to Support Jeff Jewell's GSM Swim**

# Memorial Day Remembrance 25th Anniversary

*Sponsored by Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley*

**Thank You to the dozens of Supporters - Volunteers & Attendees**



## VNVDV Member June Birthdays

Mark Marum	Army	Gordon Dunne	Army
Dave Turner	Navy	Don Schroeder	Army
Lee Halverson	Marines	Bill Green	Army
Bobby Dunton	Navy	Phillip Simon	Coast Guard
Daniel Miranda	Army	Saber Zell	Marines
Ken Jones	Navy	William Hendley	Air Force
Dave Farkas	Navy	Pete Longoria	Marines

## Welcome to New Members

Dennis Koury - Navy USS Enterprise

Chris Mezzapelle - Air Force (Ret.) & USO (Volunteer)

**THANKS to the May Speaker  
TOM CORBETT for his  
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tour with the Marines while  
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On Saturday, May 21, 2016  
We Walk in Honor of All Veterans - PART 2 PRESENT

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\*Pay your bill to the walk each year! That way you'll be sure you're always there for the veterans who need it! Thank you!

**Walk of Honor Speaker SFC Stephen Shodeen is hosting a showing of "THE UNKNOWNNS" the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment known as the "OLD GUARD" that serves as the SENTINELS AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.**  
**"THE UNKNOWNNS" will be shown June 14, 2016 at the Brentwood 14 IMAX, 2525 Sand Creek Road**  
- information: [www.theunknownsmovie.com](http://www.theunknownsmovie.com) and [tombguard.org](http://tombguard.org)

Article courtesy of the Bay Area News Group / Contra Costa Times - VNVDV thanks you.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

# Film follows work of tomb guards

*Livermore officer to host local screenings of 'The Unknowns'*

By **Marta Yamamoto**  
Correspondent

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery has been guarded 24 hours a day, every day, since July 2, 1937, by Tomb Guard sentinels, members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as the Old Guard.

Visitors may know little about their commitment, training and experiences, nor much about the tomb itself. That may change through a new documentary, "The Unknowns," that tells the story through the eyes of former sentinel Ethan Morse.

Morse, who spent 18 months as a sentinel, created the film, wanting to share his story with Americans. The documentary is being shown nationwide, with two screenings in Brentwood hosted by fellow sentinel and Livermore police officer Stephen Shodeen, who lives in Brentwood.

A first screening Monday at Brentwood 14 IMAX — Memorial Day — is sold out, but Shodeen has arranged for a second screening on Flag Day, June 14.

"I am a former sentinel from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, serving from



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U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class and Livermore police Officer Stephen Shodeen is one of 634 soldiers to have served as a Sentinel at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

1991 to 1995; that was one of my duty assignments while I was in the United States Army on active duty," Shodeen said. "I'm hosting this because a lot of people are going to get a first-time look at the training and lifestyle of a sentinel. This documentary covers what they go through and what they dedicate to complete the training and the duty to become a sentinel."

Many people never see Arlington National Cemetery or the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and both Morse and Shodeen believe that experience is integral in recognizing the honor

## **'THE UNKNOWNNS'**

**When:** June 14

**Where:** Brentwood 14 IMAX, 2525 Sand Creek Road.

**Tickets:** \$11, available online only at <http://bit.ly/1s8tz3t#VztYg2YzLGE.maito>.

**Information:** [www.theunknownsmovie.com](http://www.theunknownsmovie.com) and [tombguard.org](http://tombguard.org).

due to those buried there. Seeing "The Unknowns" is a step toward that recognition.

The film follows men, like Shodeen, as they progress through the intense seven- to nine-month train-

ing program to earn their Tomb Guard identification badges. The instruction includes three components: knowledge, the uniform and outside performance. Tests must be passed at each level.

During the knowledge section Shodeen had to memorize facts about the history of the tomb, the Old Guard, and Arlington Cemetery.

"Memories of my time as a sentinel are lasting and that's why I want to help Ethan Morris share 'The Unknowns' documentary with everybody," Shodeen said.

This Swearing-in Ceremony has been proudly sponsored by:

**Veterans Memorial Building  
of the San Ramon Valley**  
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA 94525



The Town of Danville



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We would like to thank those who helped put this program together:

**The Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation**  
Mike Conkin  
Venture Crew 236  
VMB Operating Committee

The Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley  
serves the following organizations:  
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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 72  
Viet Nam Veterans of Duhabi Valley  
Blue Star Motel Chapter 431  
Military Officers Assoc. of America - OC County Chapter  
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# Veteran Service Organizations joined Parents & Families of Military Recruits graduating for the VMB/SRV 2016 "Swearing-in Ceremony" in Danville



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East Bay Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 is sponsor of the European Train Enthusiast Model Train Display June 18 - June 19 at Veterans Memorial Building in Danville, CA



JUN 18 Operating Model Train Display

Blue Star Moms 6th Annual Golf Event - Success

May 20th – **THE BLUE STAR MOM'S** 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held at Calilippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. All funds raised through this event will again benefit our annual Gold Star Family program in San Francisco. The Blue Star Moms – Chapter 101 and event sponsors survived strong winds during this most successful tournament. Joining the Blue Star Moms was the Viet Nam Helicopter that transported guests to the event.



COME SAIL ON THE **SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN** - JULY 16, 2016 - GOOD MORNING VIET NAM VETERANS - 10AM—2PM

Join the Crew as they pay a Tribute to Viet Nam Veterans, long overdue recognition for the men and women who served in Viet Nam. Harold Day & the Experience, a Jimi Hendricks Tribute Band, will bring back oldies of the era. Cruise leaves & returns to Pier 45 at Fisherman's Wharf. **The Jeremiah O'Brien will sail under the Golden Gate Bridge & then back inside the bay continuing along the San Francisco waterfront for a spectacular view of the City. Order tickets NOW!**

Adults \$140, Children 16 and younger \$85 & VIET NAM VETERANS \$62



All Newsletters are On-Line at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)



Alameda County Fair Grounds  
**September 15 - 18**

*Please Note: Date Change  
Become Active...  
Support EBSD 2016*

The 2016 East Bay Stand Down (EBSD) is scheduled for September 15 through 18, 2016 at Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton - *the original four-day Stand Down in the U.S.*

All meetings for EBSD are Open - Public Community Information & Planning Meetings & held on the second Tuesday of each month. Locations vary in the East Bay - *so always check the website for latest information on EBSD meetings & wish list needs.* The next public community meeting is **TUESDAY - JUNE 14th at 1800 Hrs. (6PM)** at **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING of San Ramon Valley** - 400 Hartz Avenue in Danville, CA.

Community organizations, clubs, businesses, churches & interested individuals are encouraged to find out more about how you might be able to assist in this major community effort to end homelessness for our military Veterans. As months get closer to the event date - final meetings usually take place at the Alameda Fairgrounds to aid volunteers in becoming familiar with the event location. **NOTE:** EBSD public - monthly planning meetings is an excellent venue to show your support & present your 2016 **“Sponsorship Donation Checks.”** *Major Sponsorship begins at \$5,000.00 & “Tent Sponsorship” is \$500. for non-profit organizations & \$1,000. for Corporations.* All groups Sponsoring Meals during the four-day event are coordinated with Food Services & Executive Board. **NOTE:** *All EBSD donation checks should be made payable to - Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation, a 501(c)3 funding EBSD.*

**The EBSD “Executive Board” meets prior to each public meeting at 1700 (5PM) at the same location as the community / public meetings.** We respectfully request all planning meeting attendees wait until 6PM before entering allowing the Executive Board to complete their business meeting prior to the scheduled start of public meetings. *We are all volunteers & can always use help setting up chairs & putting them away.*

Each Planning Meeting has a **“Sign-In”** sheet requesting: Your Name - Organization you are representing - Your Mobile Phone & your best E-Mail contact address & if you attend on a regular basis - this information will be pre-typed & you need to check to see if all data is correct. Collection of information will allow Executive Board Members & Coordinators to contact you personally, if necessary between meetings. This listing **is kept “confidential” & not shared with any except those mentioned above. At your first planning meeting - you will be requested to provide the information above.**

**If you have questions** - about anything - the monthly planning meetings - locations or times - **always check the EBSD website** at: [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org) The official 2016 **“Volunteer Sign-Up”** will NOT be available online until **early July** & completed online.

Signing-in at the monthly planning meetings DOES NOT register you as a Volunteer at EBSD. This is a separate process. Again - check the EBSD website on a regular basis for additional information. Thank you for your support of East Bay Stand Down 2016. Help spread the word - get other groups interested in EBSD.

# Large Number of Currently Serving Returning to Contra Costa County County Veterans Service Office Expands Serves / Hours

Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office reported that *Army One Source* has compiled data on Contra Costa County (and other counties as well). This data is available online at <http://www.aosresourcecenter.com/data/search-data-maps>

When reviewing estimated enlisted separations from service from 4/1/15 to 1/31/17 & this is what the data shows:

*West County:* 53 of 301 total enlisted military separations or 18%  
*Central County (Concord, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, LaMorinda):* 98 of 301 or 32%  
*South County (Alamo, Danville, San Ramon):* 29 of 301 or 10%  
*East County (Pittsburg & East):* 117 of 301 or 39%  
*Unknown:* 4 of 301 or 1%

This information helps our office with its planning for future service delivery. Because of this data and high demand, we have recently added an additional day of service to our Brentwood outstation.

Here is a summary of all of our locations & hours:

*Martinez:* Monday – Thursday 9am -12pm & 1pm – 4pm & Fridays 9 am – 12pm. *Drop in only*  
*San Pablo:* Tuesdays 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm. *Drop in only*  
*Danville:* Wednesdays 10am – 2pm. *Appointment only*  
*Brentwood:* Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am – 12pm & 12:30pm – 3:30pm. *Appointment only*

Costa County Veterans Service Office addresses & phone numbers for appointments - please visit our website at: [www.contracosta.ca.gov/vets](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/vets)

The VNVDV strongly encourages All Veterans & those returning from the Military to always seek support from your Veteran Advocate / Service Representative at the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office in Martinez or one of the outstations.

## VA Health Care:

**Check VA's "MyHealthVet" for online support & services. ILL: Call VA's "Advise Nurse" for assistance & answers!**



**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley Official Partners in the 50th VietNam War Commemoration Program**

**RECOGNITION EVENTS:  
Walk of Honor for our Veterans  
4th of July Parade - Honoring  
VietNam Veterans in Danville**

**VA Martinez - New Mental Health Clinic  
Grand Opening on JUNE 13th at 1PM**



# California Launches Veteran Driver License & ID Card

As a Veteran - **you can obtain a DMV "Veteran" designation on your Driver's License**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has a new program honoring Veterans & recognizes the military service by allowing them to apply for a "Veteran" designation on California driver licenses & identification (ID) cards.

All Veterans are encouraged to contact our local Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office in Martinez or one of their outstations to start the process. In addition, Veterans can learn about "earned benefits" from their military service. A "Veteran" designation on a California Driver's License or ID Card will aid Veterans show their status as a certified Veteran & take advantage of businesses providing offers and/or discounts to Veterans.

## How to obtain your "Veteran" designation for a driver license or ID card - It's easy:

- ◆ Get Records. Find your military discharge certificate (DD214). If you need assistance obtaining your military records, then contact our County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) in Martinez.
- ◆ Visit any Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office. Take your DD214 and government identification to the CVSO to obtain your Veteran Status Verification Form. For faster CVSO service, you can contact our local CVSO by calling 925/ 313-1481 to find out locations & hours of CVSO outstations, and their main office in Martinez
- ◆ Visit Any DMV. Go online or call DMV for an appointment. Then bring your Veteran Status Verification Form to any DMV field office. Pay any application fees, in addition to a \$5.00 Veteran designation fee, and complete all application & testing requirements. To schedule an appointment at a DMV office, visit [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or call 800-777-0133.

Tune In  
7pm  
Mondays

## VETERANS' VOICES of Contra Costa County

Tune In  
7pm  
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Join us live on the 3rd Monday of every month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans. Veterans' Voices provides a platform for all veterans, their family and their caregivers to get support and learn about valuable resources and events in the community.

Hosted by:

Nathan D. Johnson, County Veterans Service Officer  
Kevin Graves, CalVet LINC & Gold Star Parent

Watch live every 3rd Monday @ 7pm on CCTV, or streaming:

[www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices](http://www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices)

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**Monday, June 13, 2016**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
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**150 Muir Road**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**

**Veterans... Are You Utilizing**  
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Featuring Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer & Guests

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Oakmont Memorial Park Cemetery in Lafayette is offering  
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You can help with a small commitment of your time, only 2 or 3 minutes per month. You will receive a single email each month with a short survey containing 5 questions. You simply rate each segment of the Show and send the email back to:

**VETERANS' VOICES**

To sign up, just go to:

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**Support our Contra Costa County  
Veterans Service Office  
Watch Veterans' Voices**

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

**WATCH VETERANS' VOICES on CCTV Every Month on the 3rd Monday**

***Veterans' Voices - our VSO TV Show Airs Live Every 3rd Monday at 7PM.***

Each month you're invited to call in, text or live chat with the hosts & guests. Be a part of the conversation and you can help other vets who are struggling with the same issue. New topics every month - 3rd Monday!

**Veterans' Voices will be broadcast live/online on CCTV every third Monday, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** The show is a joint production of the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office & Contra Costa Television (CCTV.) It is underwritten by a grant from the California Department of Veterans Affairs. "Veterans' Voices" airs the third Monday every month at 7:00 p.m. on CCTV. **"VETERANS' VOICES" will be promoting the WALK of HONOR in their MAY TV Show**

CCTV and Veterans' Voices can be found on Comcast Channel 27, Astound Channel 32 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 throughout Contra Costa County. If you missed this edition... Catch it and all other prior shows or watch the show live online by visiting: <http://www.contracostatv.org/veteransvoices>. **All previous shows are on-demand 24/7 & If your organization can help support an episode of Veterans' Voices - contact Nathan Johnson our County VSO for more info.**

***If you know non-profit Foundations supporting "education" - "history" - "military issues" - Veterans, or other - please advise County Service Officer Nathan Johnson - Funding support is needed to continue these CCTV "Veterans' Voices special monthly TV shows to provide this valuable information for returning veterans & their family members. If you have any TV or production skills or are willing to learn - stop by the CCTV studios on the 3rd Monday prior to the live broadcasting of Veterans' Voices... YOU may be able to help or learn to help & reduce production costs of shows. Veterans' Voices will also be providing information on East Bay Stand Down meetings & the Sept. 15-18 event.***

### **SAT Morning Social Coffee...**

*Join fellow Veterans each Saturday AM from 8-11at Veterans Memorial Building  
Hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskin & Lee Halverson & the Veterans Memorial Building  
Join Us for a few minutes or an hour—Drop In!*

Danville "VSO" Outstation - 400 Hartz Ave. **Open every Wednesday** from 10 to 2 for Veterans & family member. Schedule your **"benefit check-up"** appointment by calling the County VSO in Martinez at: **925/ 313-1481**



**Dates have Changed  
for EBSD 2016...  
Check the Website!  
September 15 thru 18**

**EAST BAY STAND DOWN DATE CHANGE - NOW SEPT. 15-18**

**Visit the EBSD website for full details on Sponsorship & attend the Public Monthly Planning Meetings. [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)**

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the

**Wheelchair  
Foundation**  
"Serving the World"



Outstanding  
community events  
supporting mobility,  
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Freedom Flights  
for our Veterans  
& EBSD

The Viet Nam Veterans made distribution trips  
in 2006 & again in 2012 to Viet Nam to provide  
mobility for those lacking this basic freedom.

Thank you for your  
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**More information at: [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org)**

**& if donating a wheelchair - mark "VNVDV" on your WCF note. Thanks!**

**Many Members have failed to Renew  
Your VNVDV 2016 MEMBERSHIP!!!**

**VNVDV MEMBERSHIP...  
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**Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office  
is OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans**

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time to visit the AWM website for an order form & more  
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[www.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)

Please CHECK-OUT & FOLLOW MONTHLY some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:

*Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Open in Danville every Wednesday - call 925 / 313-1481 for Appt.*

*All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: [www.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*

*Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: [www.MarineClub.com](http://www.MarineClub.com)*

*Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: [www.SentinelsofFreedom.org](http://www.SentinelsofFreedom.org)*

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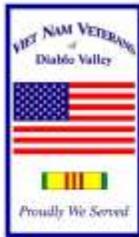
*Blue Star Moms #101 website: [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) & Blue Star Moms #20 website: [www.ccbluestarmoms.org](http://www.ccbluestarmoms.org)*

*VNVDV website to see more about the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)*

See other website LINKS listed inside this edition of the INCOMING News & on our website.

**VISIT THE VMB/SRV's WEBSITE - for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://www.VMBSRV.org)**

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Established in 1991

**To: VNVDV Members & VIPs**

**The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, and 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's Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** is home for the VNVDV and 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 monthly on the **1st Thursday of every month** at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at **1800 Hrs.** in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com). All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our "open" membership meetings. This VNVDV is 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. Please join us... All dinner meetings are **OPEN** - bring fellow VietNam veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - community supporters... *see what a difference volunteering makes in the lives of others. All veterans welcome!*

## 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 in 2016!**

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

**Reservation NOT Required - Except December Appreciation Dinner**

*Meeting are OPEN to ALL Veterans - Supporter & Guests*

## the "INCOMING" - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV