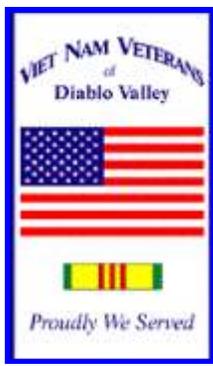


INCOMING NEWS



AUG 2019



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VMB Tips for Change Fundraiser Gianni's AUG 12th 9-11 Remeberance ~ VNVDV Support this Special Event



Gary Estrella
VNVDV
President

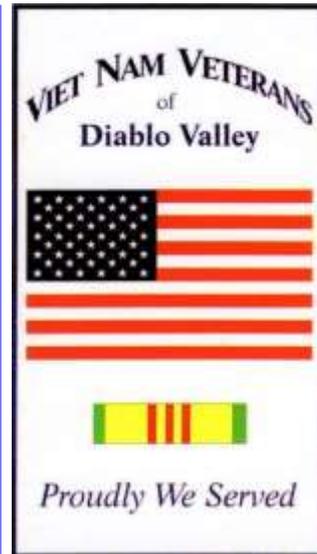


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VNVDV MEMBER
INVITE CARDS
ARE AVAILABLE

THESE ARE FOR
OUR MEMBERS
TO PROVIDE
DINNER MEET-
ING & CONTACT
INFORMATION
FOR POTENTIAL
NEW MEMBERS.
YOU SHOULD
CARRY THESE
CARDS IN YOUR
WALLET AT ALL
TIMES!

NEED CARDS -
CONTACT JON
ROBBINS OR
JOHN REESE TO
OBTAIN YOUR
WALLET CARDS.



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Meets 1st Thursday of the Month
Crow Canyon Country Club
Danville, CA

1700 Hrs - Social
1800 Hrs - Buffet Dinner - \$25.
& Featured Guest Speaker
Dinner Meetings Open to all... join us!

Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley
400 Hartz Avenue
P. O. Box 2079
Danville, CA 94526-2079

E-Mail: VNVDV1@gmail.com
Website: www.VNVDV.org
Monthly Newsletter on-line

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Fishing Trip of a Lifetime!
1/2 Day guided each day 5hrs/day
Self-guided unlimited hours of fishing

VETERAN 's

SAT Morning

Social Coffee...

Join fellow

Veterans each Saturday

8AM until 11AM

In Danville at the

Veterans

Memorial

Building

Pastries too!

In my July Message I inadvertently forgot to finish the first paragraph regarding the first Thursday of the month meeting falling on July 4th necessitating changing our meeting to July 11th this year. Fortunately, the turnout on the 11th was good. By the way, the next time July 4th falls on the first Thursday of the month will be 2024.

Crow Canyon did a great job in having our space all ready for our meeting even with decorations of red, white and blue. Thank you, Crow Canyon Country Club! The Bar opened promptly and I heard comments that the prices were more reasonable than recently experienced. I hope you all noticed that Lorenzo is back at the Country Club and providing us with great service.

Speaker **Patrick Leary** gave a very interesting presentation of his experiences with helicopters in the Central Highlands plus his continuing activities with the Vin Son Montagnard orphanage in Kontum. He was presented with a donation of \$250.00 for the orphanage. Thank you, Pat for telling us your Vietnam story and dedicated service to the children.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

AUGUST SPEAKER

BILL GREEN



will discuss statistical
data on those who
served in Vietnam and
his experiences with
**198th Light Infantry Brigade
Americal Division.**

A few days ago (July 12th) I read an interesting article about the Congressional Medal of Honor and its history which stated the following. "President Abraham Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor, in the name of Congress, 'to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection.' The previous December, Lincoln had approved a provision creating a U.S. Navy Medal of Valor, which was the basis of the Army Medal of Honor created by Congress in July 1862. The first U.S. Army soldiers to receive what would become the nation's highest military honor were six members of a Union raiding party who in 1862 penetrated deep into Confederate territory to destroy bridges and railroad tracks between Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1863, the Medal of Honor was made a permanent military decoration available to all members, including commissioned officers, of the U.S. military. It is conferred upon those who have distinguished themselves in actual combat at risk of life beyond the call of duty."

After discovering the background to the MOH, I wanted to learn about the history of the other medals. For the President's Message this month I've chosen the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM).

We all received it after Boot Camp or OCS. As a recruit, my Drill Instructors irreverently referred to as the "fire watch" ribbon (The National Defense Service Medal). I didn't come to know what the Medal was for until sometime later. The NDSM was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict. It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates.

The NDSM was established by Executive Order 10448, issued by President Dwight Eisenhower on April 22, 1953. While no document is known which explains the rationale for the award, it was apparently established to recognize all service members who served during the Korean War to include those who did not serve in the war zone. (Service members who served in the war zone received the Korean Service Medal, established by President Harry Truman in 1950.)

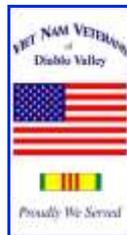
Eligibility for the NDSM was expanded by executive orders issued in 1966, 1991 and 2003.

To date, the NDSM has been awarded for four specific time periods, which roughly correspond to the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War eras as well as the Global War on Terrorism.

Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces.

Well, there you have it. I hope you have a greater appreciation of your NDSM. I know I that I do. Oh, by the way, I did not have to stand any Fire Watches.

Gary Estrella
President
PH: 925 / 962-9552
E: gamastar6@aol.com



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley News Updates

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAY AND DAVID BEHRING ON THEIR WEDDING... VERY BEST WISHES TO THEIR WONDERFUL FUTRUE AND THEIR LONG SUPPORT OF VNVDV. PHOTO OF MIKE WEBER (PAST PRESIDENT OF VNVDV) AND JODY - JOIN THE BEHRINGS AT THIS WONDERFUL GATHERING



Liz and Skip George hosted a reception for Sentinels of Freedom graduate **Joey Bozik**. Joey returned from Iraq with injuries that presented a tremendous challenge for him and his family. In 2006 Sentinels of Freedom prepared a program to support his recovery. **Mike Conklin and Ron Lowe** coordinated support services that met Joey's objectives. This resulted in a huge WIN—WIN FOR Joey and the Sentinels of Freedom.

Joey resides in Frisco, Texas and continues to use his experience and wisdom to support veterans.





WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY. THE DIABLO FLAG BRIGADE ORGANIZES THESE EVENTS TO RECOGNIZE SERVICE MEMBERS WHEN THEY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

THERE ARE TWO WELCOME HOME EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST.

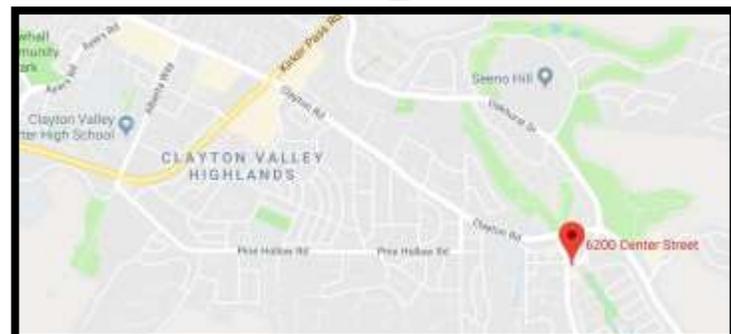
Operation Welcome Home for –
Maj Beth Hultgren, U.S Army
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND
1802 WHITE CLIFF WAY
WALNUT CREEK
7 - 9 PM

Operation Welcome Home for –
GySgt Greg Larson, USMC
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD
MUDVILLE RESTAURANT
6200 CENTER STREET
CLAYTON
1 PM

Walnut Creek



Clayton



July Speaker Pat Leary spoke briefly about the Vinh Son Orphanage supported by the Friends of VSO. Below is the VSO Newsletter for April 2019. Please take a moment to read about the work that is being done and the results that have been achieved. The efforts of the Friends of VSO truly qualify as "GIVING BACK"

VSO Friends of Vinh Son Montagnard Orphanage

April Newsletter 2019
Volume 16 Issue 4

Contact & Donation Information

- FVSO: P.O. Box 9322, Auburn, CA 96604-9322
- Email: FriendsOfVSO@gmail.com
- Web: www.FriendsOfVSO.org

- In This Issue**
- Heartbeat Vietnam
 - The Love of a Caregiver
 - Projects making a difference
 - In Memory of Juris

Lunch Time for the Boys

"Losing your parent at a tender age is like losing everything. The love, care, support and what have you. It only takes determination, strong will and the love, care and support from others to make a difference in the lives of those ones as they grow to face their future. You and I can impact their lives...Just a little love, a little care, a little support can make a huge difference in a child's life. Support an orphan today!"

-- Ozolu Sanni

"I don't really know them, but I know this: they're just like your kids were. Or are. Sweet, trusting, good in ways we adults hardly even remember. We have to look out for them. Not because of the tattoos, or in spite of them, but because they're kids and we're supposed to look out for kids."

-- Sabrina Vourvoulas



Photo courtesy of Byron Pipkin, fellow traveler with the Dave Chalk tour group. Read Byron's impressions of Vinh Son in the May Newsletter

FVSO has been contacted to assist Heartbeat Vietnam, a subsidiary of the VinaCapital Foundation (vinafoundation.org).



Heartbeat Vietnam funds life-saving heart operations for the most financially disadvantaged children in Vietnam.

It is proposed that FVSO contribute \$1,200 to fund a team of four MDs and support staff who will screen the children of Vinh Son and Sao Mai for heart defects. It is estimated 1 in 100 children have some sort of treatable heart issues, many caused by agent orange exposure. Once identified, Heartbeat Vietnam will pay for the cost of treatment.

A recent study of heart surgeries in Vietnam estimates that there are thousands of children waiting at any given time to receive this surgery. Many of these children are never diagnosed. Many will die waiting for help. The FVSO Board has approved this project, and will report back (currently delayed, waiting for governmental approval)

TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs. Y Blan, a seventy-one year old Bahnar caregiver, lives in Plei Tonga village of Kontum City. She has a happy family, but no children. She works at Vinh Son-1 all day, seven days a week, from 8 am to 5 pm and once a week, she stays overnight to take care of the babies.

Her daily duties include: bathing, washing clothes and feeding the kids. She works very hard and loves the babies with all her heart and sacrifice. She is pleased to see the orphan babies grow up and be healthy every day. She is really the orphan baby's mother of Vinh Son. Despite not having children of her own, Y Blan takes great pride in watching the children take their first steps into the world.

Thanks to her sacrifice and her care, Y Blan has made the orphan baby's life happier, safer and more peaceful. For 26 years, Y Blan has given her life to "her children," and she is loved by everyone.

With Gratitude, Sister Martha



Self Sufficiency means growing your own food. Girls at VS-6



Projects that will make a huge difference in their lives

Two new toilets for VS-5
\$1,000

The toilets are needed for health and sanitation reasons, crowding and too few toilets currently for the population. They will be installed in the main house where Sr Marie Kham is in charge. This was a high priority project.

"Once again, thank you for all you do for us."

Expanded classroom at VS-3
\$13,000

Sister Gabriel does an incredible job at VS-3. An improved classroom facility will long stand as a tribute to her wonderful work. An improved physical resource will surely empower the children and result in learning outcomes that will open the door to a better future for the children.

With Dave's on-site assessment in hand, FVSO was positioned to address a number of important projects across the Vinh Son world. As a result of your support, we've highlighted some of these major achievements.

Drilling for new water source at VS-4 (project completed as viewed below)
\$2,275



Relocate the piggery at VS-5
\$2,200

The current piggery is entirely too close to the main housing facility. As such, it represents a serious health hazard and it makes sense to relocate it as a means to reduce potential health problems. This project was noted as a relatively high priority item by Dave and his team during their visit.

Purchase land title for VS-2
\$7,000

Because of complications and complexities of land ownership and transfer, the VS-2 orphanage was in jeopardy of losing their land. "Our land is cultivated land so we have to pay all the taxes and fees when changing hands. With your help, our lands will not be at risk and we will not be worried about losing our land. I thank all the Board very much." Sister Basile Y Ngat

Juris Jurjevic (1943 - 2017)

Long time supporter and friend of FVSO, has passed away at age 75. A memorial service was held in Brooklyn on March 26, where his friends and family were invited to make donations in Juris's memory by supporting his favorite charity, Friends of Vinh Son. Thousands of dollars were gratefully received in his name.

Sister Martha of Vinh Son 1 had a personal friendship with Juris. Years ago, he had supported her while she was getting her education in the Philippines. "He was a good person with a good heart...we will remember him in our prayers."



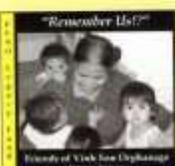
We pray for Juris in our daily prayer (Sao Mai orphanage)



Enlisting new benefactors
We can help you connect with potential new supporters of the Vinh Son and Sao Mai orphanages.



- Board Members are available to speak at military reunions or to local civilian groups.
- Distribute copies of the monthly FVSO newsletter to your friends and interested groups. Forward the on-line versions and website information via e-mail.
- A Power Point presentation, detailing the FVSO story, is available for your use.
- Tell your personal story. Why are you a member of this team? What would you tell a potential supporter about FVSO? Your history might prompt others to reach out to the children of FVSO.



Legacy Fund Update

The goals are:
\$1.0m by Dec 2020
\$2.0m by Dec 2025

Total Contributions
\$592,490

Words of Wisdom

"It seemed like an unachievable goal for one person to bring sunshine to one hundred little faces when what they need is a mother's piece."
— Jean Webster

"Orphanages are the only places that ever left me feeling empty and full at the same time."
— John M. Simmons

Vinh Son & Sao Mai Orphanage Facts	Officers & Board Members	The Kids	Donation Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 800 Montagnard children live in seven orphanage facilities in the Kontum/Plieku area, Vietnam. FVSO is a humanitarian, non-profit organization approved by IRS Code 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible. Orphanages run by Sisters of the Miraculous Medal & St Paul Charming 	<p>President: Pat Leary Secretary: Nga Wynne Treasurer: Ken Tokuzumi Senior VP: Bart Russell 1st VP: Clyde Lawandowski 2nd VP: Michael Little 3rd VP: Pat McKee Board: Dave Orsini, Hank Gonales, Sean Gamie</p>		<p>Please make checks payable to FVSO or Friends of Vinh Son \$12 per month provides each child one nutritious meal every day. Donations are accepted year round.</p>

Waiters Needed ~ Essential to Event Success!

This year's fundraiser for
**THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY**



TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2019

Please join us at Gianni's Italian Bistro for a Great Italian Dinner, inspiring conversation, and heart-warming camaraderie, all while being served by a wait staff comprised of our own local Veterans. All tips and a percentage of the night's receipts go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building's Operating Committee which in turn funds our expenses and activities.

Gianni's

ITALIAN BISTRO

Monday August 12, 2019
Between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM
Make your reservations a.s.a.p.
Call 925.820.6969 or Visit

www.yelp.com/biz/giannis-italian-bistro-san-ramon

Gianni's Italian Bistro
2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
San Ramon, Ca 94583

www.giannissanramon.com

PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB

Make Reservations Early ~ Attend ~ TIP BIG!!!



KING PACIFIC LODGE

TRIP FOR THE 2020 SEASON

An iconic luxury lodge to stay in while you fish...

West Sport fishing King Pacific Lodge is a luxury floating lodge, designed in the spirit of a modern and efficient fishing lodge; where understated elegance meets the wilderness with many quality details and finishing touches catering exclusively to 34 guests. This trip is currently valued at \$9590 CDN/\$7112 USD.

For more information on the lodge go to <http://kingpacificlodge.com/>

Dates will be determined upon availability at King Pacific Lodge. Reservations available after 5 Feb 2020. All-inclusive from Vancouver. Gratuities not included.



**VIET NAM VETERANS
OF DIABLO VALLEY**

Your "donation" will support VNVDV projects & programs benefitting Veterans & those serving in 2020-2021

**The fishing trip of a
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Major VNVDV Fundraiser!

**Trip for 2 for a
4-day/3-night stay**

**½ Day guided each day
5hrs/day. Self-guided
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**Luxury rooms feature a
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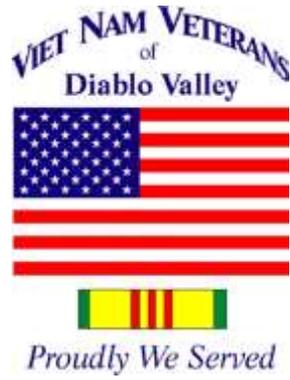
**Roundtrip transportation
from Vancouver, Canada
South Terminal to Lodge**

\$50 PER OPPORTUNITY

*Maximum 300 tickets to be
sold*

Contact
Bill Green 925.683.3293
or
Jerry Yahiro 925.683.2541
for tickets

Winner will be drawn
2/2/2020 at the VNVDV



VNVDV 2020 King Pacific Lodge Trip Fundraiser!

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\$50/opportunity/ticket, maximum 300 opportunities/tickets.

For more information on the Lodge go to the [King Pacific Lodge](#) website Here is the [flier with more information](#)

To donate for opportunities online (one donation per PayPal login):

<https://vnvdv.org/media/pdf/temp/2018KingPacificLodge-fundraiser.pdf> - ONLINE DONATION IF NO WILL BE UPDATED

Drawing at the VNVDV annual 2020 Super Sunday Crab Feed –

Feb 2th – Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville
Need Not be present to Win.



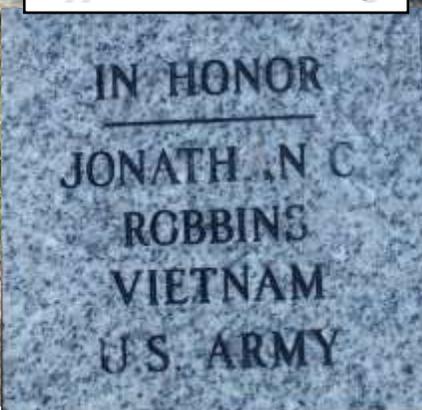
ALL WARS MEMORIAL

Expanded Walkway - 600 New Pavers Now Available!

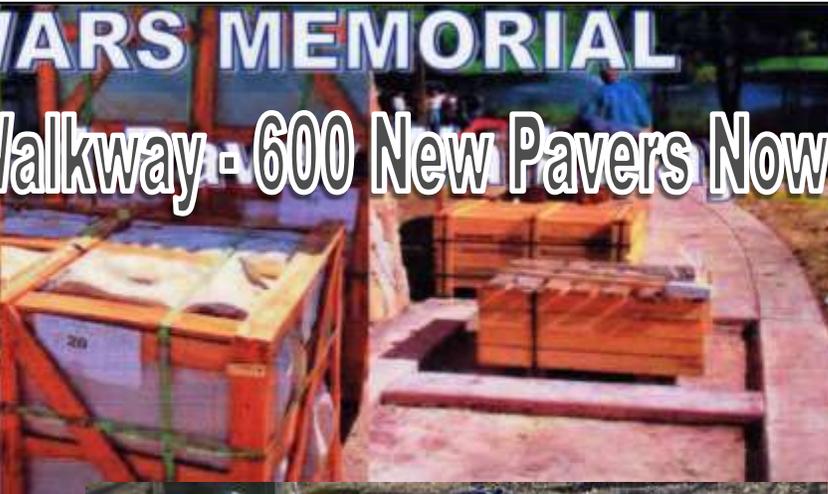
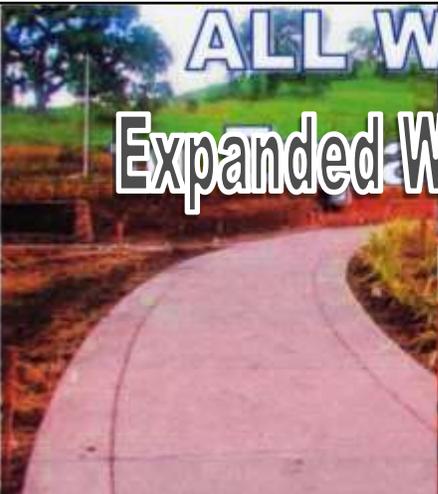
Thank You to the patriotic community for Honoring their



Application On Next Page



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Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the
All Wars Memorial Foundation or purchase an AWM Paver
To honor the service or contribution made by an Individual Serving -
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PURCHASER'S INFORMATION: (If paying by credit card
Use the information as on the billing statement)

Name of Purchaser

Address

City / State / Zip

 Please provide Contact Phone & E-Mail Address (utilize separate
sheet & attach, if needed to clearly provide requested information.

INDIVIDUAL Paver - Granite 8" x 8" @ \$300.00 each

___ IN MEMORY (for those who died while serving their country)

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NAME (to be shown on paver) _____

Can add **Rank** for those who that served in the military.
Up to two lines available - maximum of 15 characters on
each line - including spaces. **Please PRINT all letters.**

BRANCH of SERVICE: (circle one)

U. S. Army - USMC - U. S. Navy - USAF - USCG - Army/Air Corps
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THE 13TH ANNUAL JOEY GRAVES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 16, 2019
Discovery Bay Country Club



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION	
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019	
LOCATION	Discovery Bay Country Club Discovery Bay, CA
REGISTRATION	0900
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	1000
SHOTGUN START (with all those knots at the bay)	1030
DINNER & AWARDS (Following the round)	1600

Our nation's military is comprised of men and women who choose to serve, often in the face of danger, to protect our freedoms as well as establish freedoms for those who are oppressed in other parts of the world. Some pay the ultimate price and become true American Heroes.

Joey is one of the brave 765 men and women from California who have been killed in the line of duty while in Iraq or Afghanistan.



He was a son, grandson, husband, friend and a selfless, caring man that led by example. He is admired and missed by many.

U.S. Army SPC Joseph A. Graves was one of those men.

SOME GAVE ALL

SOME GAVE ALL - THE JOEY GRAVES FOUNDATION mission is to assist Gold Star Families with their grieving process, adjust to their "new normal" and to honor and remember their Fallen Heroes. They also support the families of active duty military during and after deployments.

Your participation in the 13th Annual Joey Graves Memorial Golf Tournament and your generous donations throughout the year have allowed resources to reach those who need them most.

What greater legacy could Joey have than for his memory to continue to be of service to his fellow veterans?

THE 13TH ANNUAL JOEY GRAVES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

- 4 STAR GENERAL \$ 6000
 - One (1) Banner
 - Four (4) Tee/Hole signs
 - Eight (8) Tournament golfers
 - Four (4) Future tournaments at DBCC
- 3 STAR LIEUTENANT GENERAL \$ 3000
 - Two (2) Tee/Hole Signs
 - Four (4) Tournament golfers
 - Two (2) Future tournaments at DBCC
- 2 STAR MAJOR GENERAL \$ 1500
 - One (1) Tee/Hole Sign
 - Two (2) Tournament golfers
 - One (1) Future tournament at DBCC
- TEE/HOLE SPONSOR \$ 350
 - Sponsor name displayed at hole or tee
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 - Dinner
 - Tournament shirt
- EXTRA DINNER - Per Adult Guest \$ 50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT www.somegaveall.us
CALL 925-513-1313
EMAIL kevin@somegaveall.us

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TO REGISTER
Please send your payment & entry form to:

Joey Graves Memorial Golf Tournament
P.O. Box 1235
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

\$8000 - 4 Star General
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 \$350 - Hole Sponsor
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Corporate Sponsor Name / Company _____
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 Player(s) \$ _____
 Add'l Dinner(s) \$ _____
 Steak(s) \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

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PLAYER INFORMATION - \$175/PERSON

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 Address _____
 City / State / Zip _____ Telephone _____

Player 2 _____ Shirt Size _____
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Player 3 _____ Shirt Size _____
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Player 4 _____ Shirt Size _____
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 City / State / Zip _____ Telephone _____

CONGRESSMAN DESAULNIER HOSTS

VETERANS HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS FAIR

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
HEATHER FARM
COMMUNITY CENTER
301 N. SAN CARLOS DRIVE
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598

COME DISCUSS THE BENEFITS YOU EARNED & DESERVE

REPRESENTATIVES FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES & VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 925.933.2660
RSVP: CA11.RSVP@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV

WELCOME HOME EVENT FOR POST 9/11 VETERANS and their Families

VA Northern California Health Care System Presents:

A free evening at the Oakland A's on 9/7/19 5:00pm-9:00pm

Thank you for your Service!

Contact: Alfred.Sims@va.gov to register.
LIMITED TICKETS. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
7000 Coliseum Way Oakland CA 94621

The Northern California Transition and Care Management Team will be hosting a Welcome Home Event at the Oakland A's on September 7th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There are a limited amount of free tickets that Post-911 Veterans can register for. Each Post-911 Veteran can register for up to 4 tickets. Veterans can bring their Veteran ID or a copy of their DD-214 to confirm their Veteran status.

We are looking for VA and other veteran community resources to attend the resource fair that will be held inside the stadium during the event. Please contact me if you are interested in attending the resource fair.

Veterans can use this Eventbrite link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-post-911-a-heros-welcome-the-oakland-as-tickets-64243121907>

Kaiser Permanente and the USS Hornet Sea, Air, & Space Museum
present

VETERANS HEALTH & JOB FAIR

SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2019

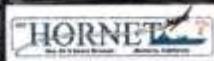
11 AM to 3 PM
aboard the USS Hornet

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS



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Veterans can now schedule optometry and
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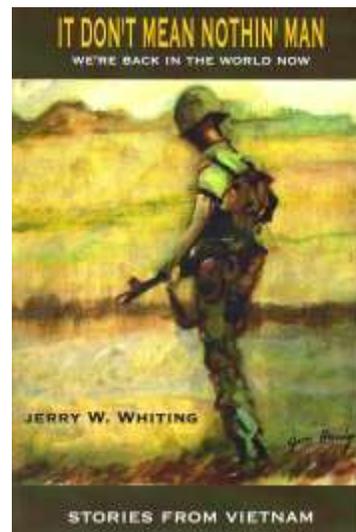
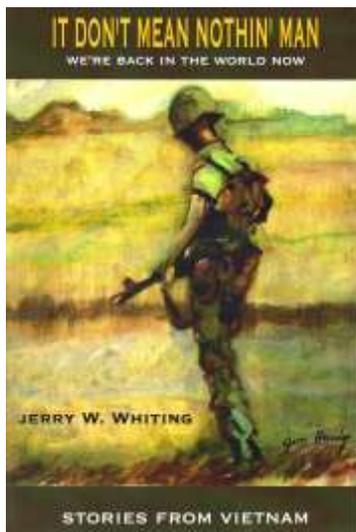
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PsychArmor Institute, with the generous support of the NFL Foundation, launches this week the first 2 courses of its 15-course portfolio on "Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention" for people who work with, live with or care for Military Service Members, Veterans and their families.

Courses to watch



Barriers to Treatment



Postvention: Healing after Suicide

Shareable Content for Social Media & E-Newsletter



Social Post for Barriers to Treatment

Join Dr. Shauna Springer from @TAPSorg as she helps learners encourage Veterans in need to seek mental health treatment in @PsychArmor's new online course "Barriers to Treatment." The course is part of a new portfolio on "Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention" sponsored by The NFL Foundation. #BeThere
To watch full course: [Register here](#)

Social Post for Postvention: Healing After Suicide

Join Dr. Shauna Springer from @TAPSorg as she discusses how to support someone who has lost a loved one to suicide in @PsychArmor's new online course "Postvention: Healing After Suicide." These courses are both part of a new portfolio on "Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention" sponsored by The NFL Foundation. #BeThere
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E-blast

PsychArmor Institute Launches Online Courses on Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention

Watch the first of 15 upcoming online courses "Barriers to Treatment" and "Postvention: Healing After Suicide" on Veteran suicide, including risk factors, warning signs and healing. Dr. Shauna Springer from the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors discusses barriers to Veterans' mental health treatment as well as actions following a suicide that can help promote healing. The courses are part of PsychArmor Institute's new portfolio on "Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention" sponsored by The NFL Foundation. To watch full courses, [Register here](#).



Dr. Shauna Springer
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Dr. Springer serves as the Senior Director at TAPS and has helped hundreds of service members reconnect with their families, values, and lives.

The NFL Foundation funded a series of Suicide Prevention courses that will be produced by PsychArmor for broad dissemination. I was the author and SME for the first two courses, both of which just went live. Both courses are extremely relevant to our shared suicide prevention mission and to the goal of advancing veteran-centered care (especially the "Barriers to Care" course). I wanted to send the link so that you can re-view and share them out (they were specifically funded for dissemination without limit). I particularly want to get these into the hands of key people in the veteran support space (like you) who can share them out as widely as possible in the service of our common goal. PsychArmor created a social media kit which is attached here to this email if you can help.

The "Barriers to Care" course was scoped out very specifically to help providers engage *veteran patients* in care - and some of what I say is not applicable to Active Duty contexts. The point that needs to be made is that AD Psychologists and clinicians have a different role to balance with the mission of troop readiness (which is appropriate for the AD context) and this shapes Service members' perceptions of what mental health care is about. I have nothing but respect for providers who serve in roles in the military - especially the kind of "Docs" who build the level of trust with warfighters that is essential to keeping them in the fight at times.

VNVDV Member *August* Birthdays

Jack Enright	Army	Anthony Bettencourt	Army
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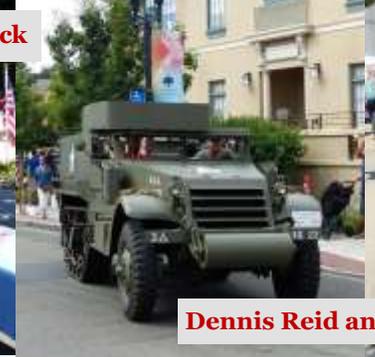
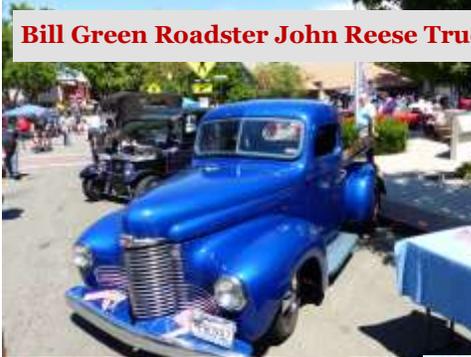
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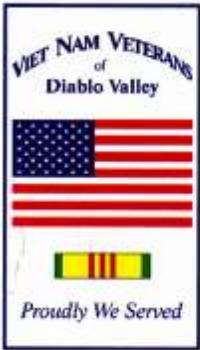
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VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.org

VISIT THE VMB/SRV's WEBSITE - for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org



LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

SB-562 Property taxation: exemption: principal residence: veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses.(2019-2020)

Veterans, WE NEED YOUR HELP, Please call Assemblywoman Autumn Burke at her Assembly Appropriation Committee office (highlighted below) and use the script to let the committee know you support this bill to support our California disabled veterans.

SB 562: Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemptions

BILL SUMMARY

SB 562 would increase property tax exemptions for disabled veterans, in order to keep up with the rising cost of housing in California.

BACKGROUND

California has granted property tax exemptions to disabled veterans since the 1980s, however, the value of exemptions has only risen by \$34,706 dollars in nearly four decades. The increasing exemptions are failing to meet the needs of disabled veterans who are now paying significantly more for houses and taxes than the veterans of the 1980s. This bill contains two different exemptions, to address the majority of veterans as well as low-income veterans.

The Basic exemption would be increased from \$134,706 to \$200,000 and the Low Income exemption would increase from \$202,060 to \$250,000. Both rates would keep up with inflation moving forward. These exemptions are only available to veterans with a 100% disability rating, blind veterans, and veterans missing two or more limbs.

PROBLEM

Housing prices in California are continuing to rise, and property taxes rise with them. Many of California's disabled veterans are living off of small pensions and are losing the ability to keep up with a mortgage payment and the associated property taxes.

This problem is having a greater impact on the more recently separated veterans, from the post-9/11 era who are looking to return to California after their service and purchase a home. However, this does not mean that the Vietnam era veterans are not struggling to keeping up with the cost of housing.

The permanently and severely disabled veterans who would benefit from this bill are completely unable to work after their time in service. Their incomes rely solely on the small pensions they receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs. These pensions do not keep up with the rising cost of living, especially in California. California needs to ensure that disabled veterans do not have to worry about losing their home because they cannot keep up with their property taxes.

SOLUTION

SB 562 would ensure that disabled veterans will be able to maintain the cost of housing in California by increasing the amount of property tax exemptions granted to disabled veterans.

SUPPORT

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SB 562 Adjusts the Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans



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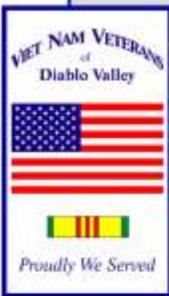
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