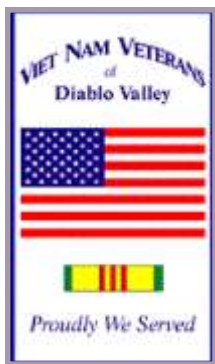


# INCOMING NEWS



DEC 2020

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley  
VNVDV HAVE ARRANGED A VIRTUAL MEETING  
FOR THURSDAY DECEMBER 3RD - 6pm  
THIS IS THE RECOGNITION MEETING TO  
HONOR THOSE THAT SERVED VNVDV**



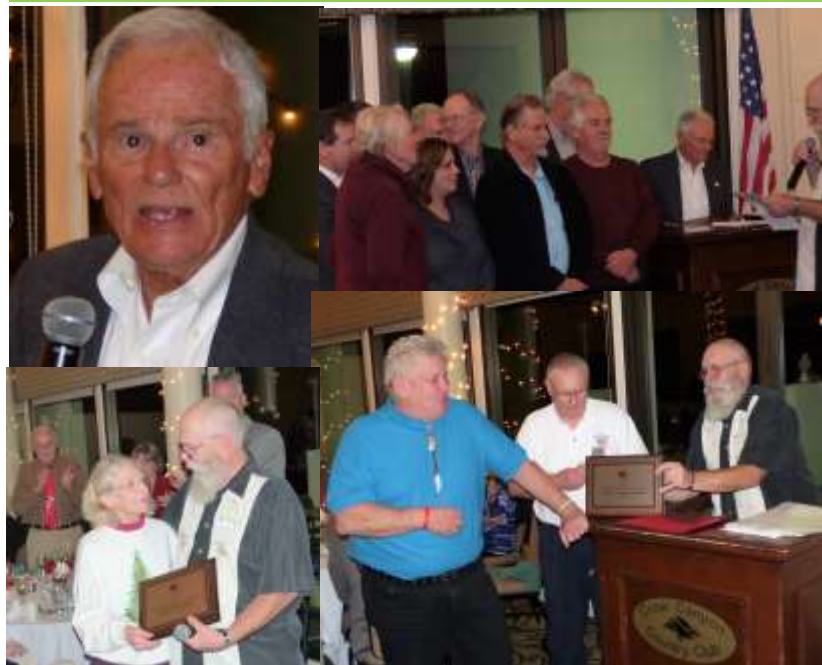
Gary Estrella  
VNVDV  
President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December letter, my second December, last and 24<sup>th</sup> letter of my tenure as your President. The past 24 months have seemed long and short. I think COVID-19 had a lot to do with it. The first year was full of our well-established activities with successes due mainly to our membership and supporters. The second year (the COVID-19 year) was and is another story. As veterans we embraced the situation with the Warrior Ethos and did what was expected. We placed the mission first, didn't accept defeat, improvised and overcame. Thank you for your support.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

**VIRTUAL MEETING DECEMBER 3RD WILL BE THE RECOGNITION MEETING TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR ORGANIZATION**



**TO VIEW CEREMONY [www.SaveMountDiablo.org](http://www.SaveMountDiablo.org)**

The biggest challenge now is how do we have our annual Christmas Dinner Gala to recognize and honor the amazing efforts of those individuals and groups that contributed to the success of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley the last couple of years. The Board is still in the midst of finalizing the details. It will be virtual with a few surprises. You will not want to miss it. Get up to speed using Zoom. Perhaps some can gather in small groups (exercising appropriate COVID-19 precautions) as some have during our regular meeting Zoom meetings this year.

We will recognize recipients of the Gary Villalba 2020 Dedicated Service Award, Veteran of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, as well as Special Recognitions. The VNVDV has already presented a Special Recognition to Mike "Hoff" Hoffschneider at the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Veterans Day to honor and thank him for his almost 40 years of service to veterans and his country on his retirement.

I think I have exceeded the newsletter's limits for this Message. So, in signing off, thanks for your support these last two years. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and here's to a safer and healthier 2021.

**Gary Estrella**  
President  
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VETERNS DAY 2020 CEREMONY  
WAS HELD AT THE VMB IN DANVILLE - VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, BLUE STAR MOMS AND DANVILLE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES HONORED VETERANS  
NOTE THE DECORATIONS ON THE VMB PREPARED BY THE VMB LHCC COMMITTEE



# VNVDV DECEMBER EVENTS THAT ARE COVID RESTRICTED



**NOV 5, 2020 VNVDV  
MONTHLY  
MEETING (VIRTUAL)  
PHOTOS**



**OPERATION SANTA  
CLAUS (PHOTOS FROM  
PAST YEARS)**



**CONCORD VET CENTER  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
(PHOTOS FROM PAST  
YEARS)**



## Thanks to November Virtual Speaker Bill Hodges

**Bill Hodges** discussed his involvement with the Potomac Association for twenty years. The Potomac is known to many and Bill provided a history of the Potomac and what was required to restore the ship to operational status.



# VNVDV MEMBER SCOTT RANDLE FORWARDED DATA ON VIETNAM VETERANS - THIS IS THE SECOND INSTALLMENT

## CASUALTIES:

*The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.*

*Hostile deaths: 47,378*

*Non-hostile deaths: 10,800*

*Total: 58,202 (Includes men formerly classified as MIA and Mayaguez casualties). Men who have subsequently died of wounds account for the changing total.*

*8 nurses died - 1 was KIA.*

*61% of the men killed were 21 or younger.*

*11,465 of those killed were younger than 20 years old.*

*Of those killed, 17,539 were married.*

*Average age of men killed: 23.1 years*

*Total Deaths: 23.11 years*

*Enlisted: 50,274; 22.37 years*

*Officers: 6,598; 28.43 years*

*Warrants: 1,276; 24.73 years*

*E1: 525; 20.34 years*

*11B MOS: 18,465; 22.55 years*

*Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old.*

*The oldest man killed was 62 years old.*

*Highest state death rate: West Virginia - 84.1% (national average 58.9% for every 100,000 males in 1970).*

*Wounded: 303,704 - 153,329 hospitalized + 150,375 injured requiring no hospital care.*

*Severely! disabled: 75,000, - 23,214: 100% disabled; 5,283 lost limbs; 1,081 sustained multiple amputations.*

*Amputation or crippling wounds to the lower extremities were 300% higher than in WWII and 70% higher than Korea.*

*Multiple amputations occurred at the rate of 18.4% compared to 5.7% in WWII.*

*Missing in Action: 2,338*

*POWs: 766 (114 died in captivity)*

*As of January 15, 2004, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.*



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# VNVDV Member *DECEMBER* Birthdays

Harry Stonelake	Navy	Chelle Clements	Army
Floyd Cox	Army	Mike McDaniel	USMC
David Koury	Navy	Patrick Pralle	Navy
Gene Cota	Air Force	Ron Lowe	Army
Cliff DeCuir	Army	Bill LaVigne	Army
James Taylor	Army	Lawrence Tehero	Air Force
Kelly McHugh	Navy	Steve Telles	Navy

**THE BLUE STAR MOMS, CHAPTER 20 AND CHAPTER 101 HAVE DEVELOPED A PROGRAM TO HONOR FALLEN VETERANS. MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO BE LOCATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE VETERAN. EACH MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED WITH A CEREMONY THAT PERMITS THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LOSS. VNVDV SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM AND ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

**THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR SSG DANIEL SCHEILE AND SGT JOHN ARAGON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4TH AT ANTIOCH HS HAS BEEN CANCELLED. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESCHEDULE DATE WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER.**



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NATIONAL PARKS**



## Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well would like to thank military personnel and their families for their service and invite them to enjoy their national parks. Beginning on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans receive free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests. The free access program is a way to thank America's veterans and Gold Star families for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

Free access is for the veteran or the holder of the Gold Star Family voucher as well as travelling companions who are occupants of a single, private non-commercial vehicle OR the veteran or voucher-holder and three persons (16 and older) where per person fees are charged. The voucher is non-transferrable and void if altered.

### Who is eligible to gain free entrance as a veteran?

For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of identification when entering a national park:

- Department of Defense Identification Card (CAC Card)
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card

Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well would like to thank military personnel and their families for their service and invite them to enjoy their national parks.



**ALAMEDA COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS ORGANIZED A DRIVE-BY IN HONOR OF MICKEY GANITCH CELEBRATING HIS 101ST BIRTHDAY. MICKEY HAS BEEN A SPEAKER AT VNV DV AND THE WALK OF HONOR**

### DRIVE-BY PARTY FOR 101-YEAR-OLD



PHOTOS BY RAY CHAVEZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pearl Harbor survivor Michael Ganitch waves at Alameda County Toys for Tots coordinator Daniel Cardenas, friends, and current and former military members from his lawn during a drive-by birthday celebration as he turns 101 years old in San Leandro on Saturday. The event was organized by members of the Alameda County Toys for Tots Drive in which an Alameda fire engine led the drive-by followed by vehicles, some of them waving American flags.



Pearl Harbor survivor Michael Ganitch waves at friends and current and former military members from his lawn during a drive-by birthday celebration as he turns 101 in San Leandro on Saturday.

*VA Palo Alto Health Care System Research/Partnership with  
Sentinels of Freedom*

## **Understanding Gaps in Home-based Services from Informal Caregivers**



**You may be eligible for this study if:**

You are a relative or friend who cares for a veteran.

**This research study involves** filling out questionnaires and participating in a 1 hour telephone interview. We will ask about your experiences using home and community resources for veterans and their caregivers, and get feedback to improve VA resources.

You will be compensated up to \$50 for your time.

Participant's rights questions, contact: 1-866-680-2906.

**Contact: Rashmi Risbud  
650-614-9997 x 23434  
VHAPALCaregiverCoE@va.gov**





U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

## Email Updates

Good afternoon, Northern California Veterans. Below are several steps we've taken to ensure your access to VA health care is as smooth as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### VEText

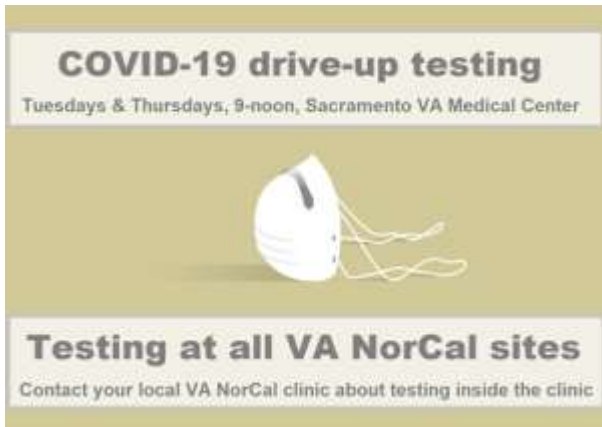
Beginning this Friday, June 26, VA NorCal will implement a new check-in procedure using VEText. This new feature allows Veterans with scheduled appointments to notify their care team when they arrive at the facility for further instruction (to use this feature, Veterans must have a text-capable cell phone number on file with us; contact your care team if you're unsure).

The process is simple!

Once you arrive on campus, text "HERE" to **53079** to alert your care team you're at the facility and waiting to be called to your appointment.

You will receive a text acknowledging your check-in status.

When your care team is ready for you, you will receive a text instructing you to proceed to your appointment.



The Sacramento VA Medical Center in Mather now offers drive-up, elective COVID-19 testing to Veterans registered as VA patients from 9 a.m. - noon each Tuesday and Thursday. Other VA NorCal sites also offer COVID-19 tests to Veterans inside their clinics, with plans to establish drive-up testing in the near future.

**CONTACT [JONATHANROBBINS@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JONATHANROBBINS@HOTMAIL.COM)  
TO RECEIVE ACTUAL E-MAIL FOR THE TESTING**

### Fast-Track Screening



To speed up the COVID-19 screening process for VA NorCal Veteran patients and staff, we have created a QR code to help you fast-track your way through our screening stations. Just scan the QR code with a smartphone before leaving home, answer several questions about possible COVID-19 symptoms, and show your phone's green screen to our screeners when you arrive. No more waiting as you answer same questions at each and every appointment - show the green screen, get your wristband, and move on with your VA day!

### Appointment Arrival and Departure

To discourage foot traffic and reduce risk of COVID-19 exposure at our sites, VA NorCal is asking all patients to arrive no earlier than 30 min. prior to your appointment and to leave as soon as possible after your appointment is complete. We appreciate your cooperation.



# Veterans: Call before visiting your VA facility

Medical appointments possible at home via VA Video Connect

## **VA APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE UPDATE**

Got a fever, cold, cough or flu-like symptoms? Are you worried that you have a viral illness?

The last thing you want to do is get out of the house to see the doctor, exposing yourself (and others) to more potential bugs and viruses.

VA can make it easier and safer to get back to health with virtual care through My HealtheVet and the VA Video Connect app on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

What is virtual care? Virtual care means you can contact your VA provider (and health care team) through [secure messaging](#) or receive treatment by telephone or video. Last year, Veterans had over 20 million virtual engagements with VA.

Any Veteran who qualifies to receive VA care and lives in the U.S. is eligible to use virtual care.

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### [Long Description](#)

*Staying home – easier for you, safer for the community.*

Virtual care is personalized and can connect you with your providers more effectively than ever. Ask your health care team if virtual care can help meet some of your health care needs. Options include in-home health monitoring with tailored technologies, connection to specialists, or even remote scans and data.

Cold and flu care made easy

Virtual care is **safe and effective**. **Imagine the benefits to you and to your fellow Veterans if you don't have the hassle of going to the hospital or clinic with a cold, flu or other viral illness. You can stay at home and avoid battling for a parking spot and spending time in a waiting room. Most importantly, you won't put other Veterans at risk of a highly contagious illness. Staying home can be easier for you AND safer for the community by helping contain the spread of infectious diseases.**

You probably already know [My HealtheVet](#) is a great way to manage your care – with online Rx Refills, VA Appointments, and your labs and tests, radiology reports, and images.

With secure messaging and video appointments, reaching your providers while at home can be easy, too. While not for use in emergencies, a secure and private session begins with a simple request with a Secure Message for a video appointment. [Sign in](#) and request one next time you need to see your doctor or other providers.

Your health care team can also set up an in-person appointment, if needed. Call your VA health center if you have symptoms.

For more information, visit:

[VA Video Connect](#) (*allows you to test your equipment compatibility*)

[Reach Your VA Care Team Over Live Video](#) (*YouTube*)

[VA Telehealth Services](#)

# Veterans can search free resources through **Code of Support's PATRIOTlink**

## Find vetted, direct, c

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## ost-free services

*Code of Support's PATRIOTlink*® platform is a free online resource database that includes thousands of programs tailored to the military and Veteran community.

Through **PATRIOTlink**, users can search vetted, direct, cost-free services specific to their needs. **PATRIOTlink** was recently redesigned to make it even easier to use. Now, users can complete searches by entering less information and they can view events and job opportunities in their area through a news feed feature.

## Working together, a partnership with VA

With over 40,000 Veteran Service Organizations offering resources, both VA and Code of Support recognize that collaboration is a key to ensuring military and Veteran families find the right help. This partnership between *Code of Support* formally started in December 2018 when VA's Veterans Experience Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding with *Code of Support*.

Through its ongoing collaboration with **VA**, Code of Support's **PATRIOTlink** database includes a list of VA resources along with program information for each resource. Listed resources include suicide prevention coordinators, Vet Centers, domiciliary units, and caregiver support services. Including these resources in **PATRIOTlink** makes it easier and more efficient for Veterans to access VA resources, which improves outcomes. The VA collaboration also ensures that awareness of available resources extends to more suicide prevention coordinators and caregivers across the nation.



[Long Description](#)

Together, VA and Code of Support hope to improve the access to and navigation of resources in local communities to best serve Veterans, families, caregivers and survivors. Code of Support provides case coordination, education and engagement, and a navigation platform that allows service providers to reduce the amount of time it takes to find resources to meet their client's needs. VA cannot do it alone, and partnerships like Code of Support help to augment and supplement VA services and benefits where needed.

VA is providing Code of Support the most up to date resource and contact information to access and navigate VA services and benefits that includes caregiver support services, suicide prevention and homeless coordinators, Vet Centers and domiciliary units. One of VA's goals is to ensure that access to services and benefits is easy, efficient, and creates positive experiences in receiving care and support where they live.

Veterans and their families should not have to struggle with finding resources and services, so VA encourages Veterans and their families to use the free services from partners like the Code of Support Foundation for easier access and navigation support.

## How do I join?

To get started, simply login at [www.patriotlink.org](http://www.patriotlink.org), enter a few keywords or select a service need, and filter the results by your specific eligibility criteria. You can then see a list of unique resources customized to your needs.

To learn more, visit [Code of Support Foundation](#) or [PATRIOTlink](#). [additional information](#), email [patriotlinksupport@codeofsupport.org](mailto:patriotlinksupport@codeofsupport.org).

# REAL ID REQUIREMENT IS OCTOBER 1ST 2020



**Now is the time to consider a REAL ID!**



**REAL ID is the next generation of identification recognized across the country.**

Starting **October 1, 2020**, you will need a REAL ID, valid passport, or other federally approved form of ID to travel by plane within the U.S. or to access federal facilities and/or military bases.

If you decide not to get a REAL ID, your California driver license or identification card will display the phrase "Federal Limits Apply" while a REAL ID will display a California bear with a star.

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## Add "VETERAN" to your license!



### How to get a REAL ID

To convert your California driver license or identification card renewal to a REAL ID you must visit a field office. Beat the rush by making an appointment early, or check wait times online to visit as a walk-in.

**You will need to bring:**

- 1. Proof of identity** (such as birth certificate, valid U.S. passport, or permanent resident card)
- 2. Proof of Social Security number** (SSN card, W-2 or paystub with full SSN)
- 3. Proof of CA residency** (2 documents, such as home utility bill, vehicle registration, property tax bill, or mortgage or lease agreement)
- 4. Proof of name change** (if the name on your identity document is different than the name on your application)

Find out when, how and the best way to get your REAL ID at [REALID.dmv.ca.gov](http://REALID.dmv.ca.gov) or **1 (800) 777-0133**.

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## Access VA Services When You Need Them



ChooseVA is your one-stop for all the choices you have for VA benefits and services.

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Learn about your health conditions, medications, medical tests, and more at [www.veteranshealthlibrary.org](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org).



Reach your VA Care Team over live video with this convenient and time-saving app you can download at [mobile/va.gov/app/va-video-connect](http://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect).

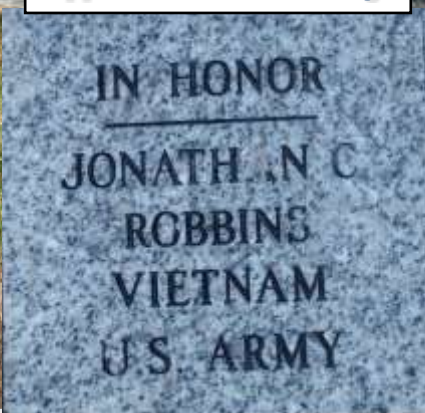
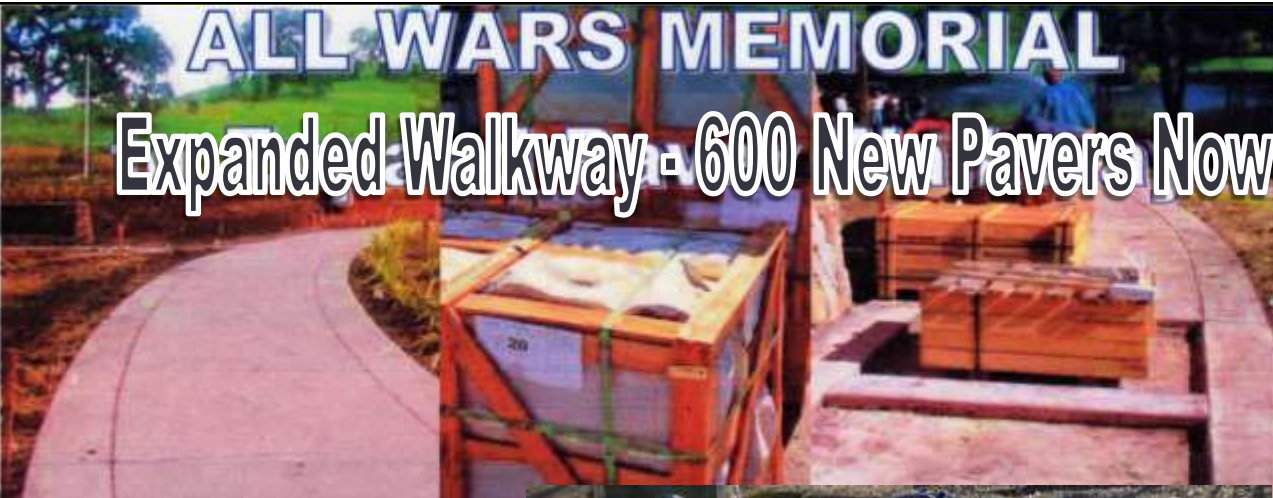
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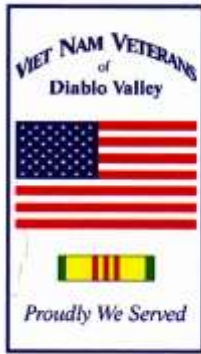
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*Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Call the County VSO Office for Assistance - call 925 / 313-1481 for Appt.*  
*All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: [www.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*  
*Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: [www.MarineClub.com](http://www.MarineClub.com)*  
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*Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: [www.WineforWheels.org](http://www.WineforWheels.org)*  
*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 Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)*

VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://www.VMBSRV.org)

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Monthly Show Topics IMPORTANT to VETERANS & Recently Discharged/Returning VETS  
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**A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!**

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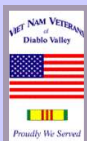
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**To:**

**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 - JOIN US!**

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**  
**DINNER CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**

**MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS**

**1st THURSDAY** of each Month

at **CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB** in Danville, CA

Social Hour at 1700 - Dinner at 1815 - Guest Speaker - **Join Us!**

Featuring **"Chef's Special Buffet Dinner"** - \$25. **RSVP NOT Required!**

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