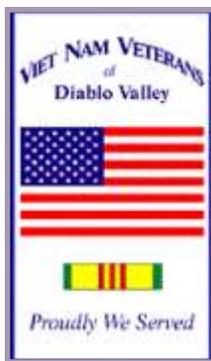


INCOMING NEWS



APR 2021

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley VNVDV HAVE ARRANGED A VIRTUAL MEETING FOR THURSDAY APRIL 1ST ~ 6pm



Dennis Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you have not already, please, please get your Covid 19 vaccinations. Vaccines are widely available through the VA, County, and your health provider.

Due to both the pandemic and mother nature's harsh weather this past year, the need for blood donations is especially great. All types are needed but especially type O.

The Red Cross is having a blood drive in Danville on Tuesday April 27th at the Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road. You need to contact the Red Cross in advance to make an appointment. You can call 1(800) REDCROSS or on-line at the Red Cross website, redcrossblood.org/give.

I did it, it is painless. Please do it soon as the appointments book up quickly.

VIRTUAL MEETING MARCH 4TH



APRIL VIRTUAL SPEAKER



Joseph C. Willoughby, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.) will speak on his varied assignments in Europe and the Middle East and finally IN Moscow as the Russian Desk Officer for the Department of Defense.

Although we are now in the Red tier and businesses are starting to open up, the Veterans Memorial Building is still closed. We are looking forward to soon being able to gather, meet and hang out at the VMB building. Until then, Lee is holding down the fort.

We are anxiously looking at getting back to having meetings at the Crow Canyon Country Club. I hope that will happen this summer. I hope all of you will be back when we do.

Phillips 66 and the VNVDV are continuing our pursuit of having a **Walk of Honor** this year. It will be a combination of individual walk and then on May 15th (Armed Forces Day) we will have a zoom speaker and possibly raffle/auctions etc. Many thanks to Phillips 66 for supporting us for all these years, and in finding a way to do so, even during these pandemic times. Please stay tuned and support this event as this will probably be our only fundraiser for the year.

Just received, **VA is now offering Covid vaccines to non-veteran spouses and their caregivers.**

Stay safe, get vaccinated, and maybe even give blood.

Dennis

Dennis Giacobelli
President
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May 15th ARMED FORCES DAY

PHILLIPS 66 is organizing a ZOOM Event to recognize all The Serving Members of the Armed Forces.

There will be a Virtual Speaker followed by an Auction/Raffle

A portion of the proceeds from this event are donated to the Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley to support continuing Veterans Activities.

Details will be updated in the MAY INCOMING NEWSLETTER.





We are privileged to welcome the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, as a Commemorative Ambassador. Thank you for honoring Vietnam veterans!

A Message from the Director ...

The fourth anniversary of **National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29**, is coming up soon! As it approaches, we are *utilizing* the ongoing *vaccine distribution* to *reach our Vietnam veterans* who are physically able to make it to the inoculation sites. As New York City rolled out the vaccine program at the Javits Center, we leveraged that effort to reach Vietnam veterans and *within days, more than 200 were thanked and honored*. On January 19, we had a teleconference with Adjutant Generals from all 50 States, 3 territories and the District of Columbia to share that success and *encourage them to do the same*.

This effort is picking up steam, but *we need you to* –

-- *Help us thank and honor our Vietnam veterans*, our Nation's blood and treasure from a generation ago, in the neighborhoods where they live.

– *Help us connect with our hard-to-reach veterans*—those in Service-associated retirement homes, nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

– *Help us with the healing that happens when a veteran*, who would just rather leave Vietnam in the rear-view mirror, *receives our Nation's thanks and gratitude*.

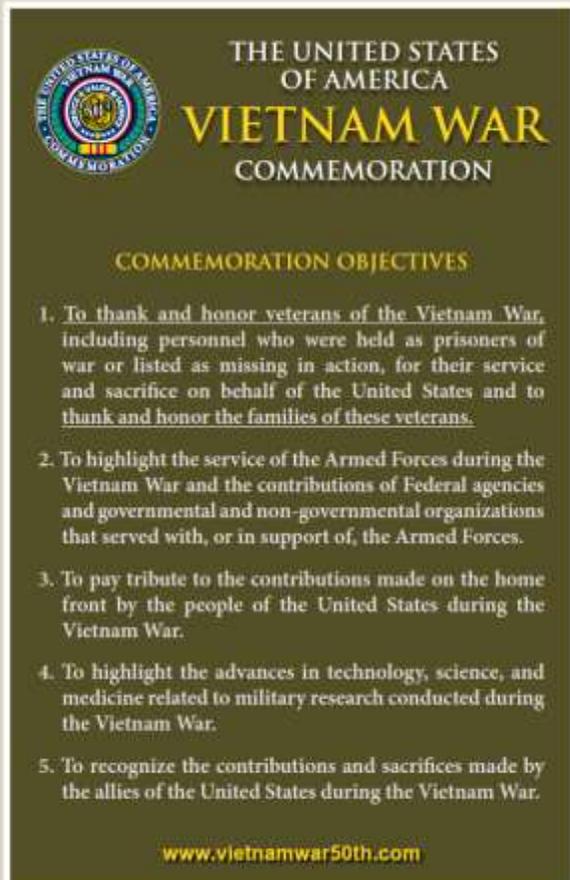
There is a scene from *Saving Private Ryan* where an aged Private Ryan (played by Harrison Young) turns to his wife and says: “Tell me I’ve led a good life.” “Tell me I’m a good man.” We believe that is what we do when we extend our Nation’s thanks to our Vietnam veterans. We tell these men and women they earned it. *They made a difference in our lives and in the lives of our children.*

Our hope is that COVID ends soon and our Commemorative Partners will again be able to host events, especially since the VA estimates that we are losing 557 Vietnam veterans each day. *We are deeply concerned about what the separation imposed by COVID means to our Vietnam veterans ... separation from families, the loneliness, the anxiety, and depression. We want them to know just how much we appreciate them and their service to our Nation. We want them to know that they have earned the Nation's gratitude!*

So, I encourage everyone to visit www.vietnamwar50th.com. There you will find great *examples of safe and successful events honoring Vietnam veterans during COVID*.

Please follow these examples and *reach out* to the Vietnam veterans in your neighborhood. *I promise, you will make a huge difference in their lives!*

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!





Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins

The Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin has become “a lasting memento of the Nation’s thanks.” Living U.S. Veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

Normally, these lapel pins are presented during a dignified, public ceremony to individual Vietnam Veterans. However, given the global pandemic, most commemorative events have been postponed, while others have been rescheduled for next year.

As a unique alternative during this challenging period, The Vietnam War Commemoration is encouraging Vietnam Veterans to submit a request for their lapel pin via email at whs.vnwar50th_events@mail.mil. At the earliest opportunity, Veterans will receive a lapel pin in the mail.

Who does Vietnam War Commemoration Honor?

U.S. Armed Forces personnel with active duty service between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service which includes:

Nine million Americans serving during that time

6.4 million Americans living today

2.7 million U.S. service members who served in Vietnam

58,000 whose names are memorialized on a black granite wall in our Nation’s capital

304,000 who were wounded

1,253 Missing in Action (MIA) heroes who have not yet returned to American soil

2,500 [Prisoners of War](#) (POWs)

The commemoration makes no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 year

Presidential Proclamation Regarding Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017

“To ensure the sacrifices of the 9 million heroes who served during this difficult chapter of our country’s history are remembered for generations to come, I signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Throughout this Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, and every March 29 thereafter, we will honor all those who answered our Nation’s call to duty.” -President Trump

VNVDV Member *April* Birthdays

Doug Miller	Army	Harry Fuller	Army
Del Loewe	Navy	Dennis Giacobelli	Navy
Michael Ebert	Army	Robert Romero	Navy
Dave Richardson	Army	Rich Lambert	Navy
Tom McHale	USMC	Steve Risk	USMC

Thanks to the March Virtual Speaker **TOM ANDREWS** FOR HIS PRESENTATION OF THE UPCOMING EVENT—**THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS OAKLAND** scheduled for April 17, 2021 at the Oakland Bay.



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 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. NOTIFICATION OF THE RESCHEDULE DATE WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER.



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Norm Mahalich, founding member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, enjoyed his prize hotrod. It is a 1937 Ford Cabriolet - it has a Corvette LT1 engine put in about 7 years ago (and the engine has less than 1,000 miles on it). Photos are attached, and others are available and can be sent. The Hotrod is running and needs a good home. The asking price is \$55,000 but this is negotiable. Please feel free to give any friend of yours. Contact is cell phone: **925-548-2511**. **Please text Chad Mahalich.**



Year:

1937

Make:

Ford

Model:

Cabriolet

Mileage:

8372

Engine:

tuned-port fuel injection V8

Engine Size:

5.7L 350 LT1

Exterior Color:

Teal

Interior Color:

White

Transmission:

automatic (Turbo 350)

Differential Ratio:

Ford 9" differential

Description

Vintage A/C and hood, rotor brakes front, disc brakes rear, pinion steering, custom radiator, full custom chassis, underneath all painted/detailed. Engine all detailed, leather interior, custom stereo VDO gauges, power steering, power windows, removable top, rear seat, vintage wheels, and tilt.





Next Show: Monday, April 12 @ 7:00 PM

Show Topic: "Suicide-A Battle Worth Fighting Together"

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**



RYAN SYKES LIFE-HONORARY MEMBER OF THE VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY



DATE: Saturday, April 24, 2021

TIME: Zoom opens at 9:50am - Start Time: 10:00am Pacific Time (PT)

Zoom opens at 12:50pm – Start Time: 1:00pm Eastern Time (ET)

LOCATION: No need to travel, join us from home or work!

RSVP: Register to receive Zoom link for this event:

www.hfotusa.org/Sykes

For more information or to get involved, please contact Val Santos, Community Outreach Coordinator

vsantos@hfotusa.org or at 774-218-1357 (call or text)

OUR MISSION - To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.

www.hfotusa.org/Sykes
Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives



One our favorite Sentinels, USN Ret. Ryan Sykes, now living in Grass Valley and is going to be the recipient of a new specially equipped home built and donated by Homes For Our Troops.

Sentinels of Freedom has proudly supported and collaborated with Homes For Our Troops on many of these homes that they have built across the nation for our severely wounded and injured veterans.

As many of you remember, Ryan was a recipient of a Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship and lived here in San Ramon with us for several years after is injury while on duty in Afghanistan. Soon after he arrived here in San Ramon, he volunteered at our Police Department, joined the Dougherty Valley Rotary Club, attended 4th of July Parades and Veterans events with his dog Doc and along the way made hundreds of true friends. His progress in speech, agility , cognition in his transition was helped by these very same people. His dogged determination and his vow to never quit in his recovery carried 99% of the heavy water to get him back home to Grass Valley where he grew up.

Honestly, I don't think he could have landed in a better community than our Valley to help him achieve his objectives and goals. Personally, for me it was hard to see him leave. But he was determined to move on, and ready to start a new chapter in his life so we supported his move. And so, another chapter in Ryan's incredible life and journey begins with this new home.

To all of you in the Valley who met him, mentored him and embraced him as a friend, we can't thank you enough. He proved worthy of every bit of our support and efforts. As special thanks to our local Veterans organizations, Blue Star Moms, Shepell Homes, his brothers at the San Ramon Police Dept. and the Dougherty Valley Rotary Club for your kindness, support and mentoring of Ryan. You all made a huge difference and positive impact on his life.

Attached is an invitation to the Zoom event that will be held April 24th 2021, as Homes For Our Troops breaks ground on the new home for Ryan.

Please signup and support Ryan and Homes for Our Troops as we seek to support the fundraising for his new home.

Ryan, we all miss you, we were blessed to have you live in our community all those years. Along the way you touched all our hearts and enriched our lives with your drive, wicked sense of humor and great big smile. You and I had some great fun and a lot of laughs traveling together and attending events across the country with your wonder dog, Doc.

An old Irish quote sums up our feelings about you best,

“There are wooden ships, there are sailing ships, there are ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships and may they always be.”

We all wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas in your new home and new journey.

Sincerely, Mike Conklin



VNVDV SUPPORTS THE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM REVIEW THESE STORIES TO SEE THE SUCCESS



WE HAVE EVEN MORE SENTINEL STORIES AT
WWW.SENTINELSOFFREEDOM.ORG

JOHN JAE TERRY / US NAVY

Completed multiple combat deployments as a Navy SEAL including 3 to Afghanistan, 1 to Iraq, and 1 to Africa. Sustained a right leg Amputation, Burns, PTSD, and TBI when his group was hit by an IED blast and rocket propelled grenades.

Graduated from Catholic University of America with a Juris Doctorate in Criminal Justice Law. Currently employed at Cyber Command while studying for the Bar exam.



YOUR INVESTMENT PROVIDES MORE THAN A BRIDGE TO EDUCATION IT'S A BRIDGE FROM THE LIFE OF SERVICE TO A LIFE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE CIVILIAN WORLD.



CODY DANIEL / US NAVY

Served as an EOD Technician with the Navy supporting the 75th Ranger Regiment and Navy SEAL Team 8. Completed a partial deployment to Somalia in East Africa and 3 deployments to Afghanistan before sustaining a traumatic brain injury and PTSD when his vehicle was struck by an IED.

Currently attending Eastern Virginia Medical School for a Doctorate of Medicine. As a physician he hopes to continue to help others daily while being able to utilize his leadership skills to guide a healthcare team.



ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS OF EVERY SENTINEL'S JOURNEY ARE DIFFERENT, THE CHORDS RUNNING THROUGH THEM ARE THE SAME.



LINA EFREMENKOVA / US MARINES

Deployed twice to Afghanistan during her time in the Marines. During the second deployment with the Female Engagement Team she experienced small arms fire and mortar attacks resulting in PTSD from witnessing fellow Marines and Afghans lose their lives.

Currently attending Louisiana State University and working towards a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. Lina looks forward to working with others to make their interactions with systems and processes easy, safe and as efficient as possible.



THESE ARE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN GRAVELY AND PERMANENTLY INJURED, YET THEY ARE DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR UNIQUE DRIVE, DETERMINATION, AND PATRIOTISM.



GARRETT JONES / US MARINES

Completed tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Severely injured by an IED resulting in a left leg amputation. After intensive rehabilitation, he returned to combat in under a year from the time of amputation.

Completed a master's degree in strategic intelligence at the National Intelligence University and now runs a team of intelligence professionals at MCIA's Enterprise Operations Center.



THE APRIL EDITION HAS A NEW MOVIE REVIEW

**Movie Review by:
FORWARD OBSERVER**



“Dive Bomber”

We went back to the archives and unearthed a pre WWII classic that’s been overlooked by many film buffs. It is pre WWII because it was released in 1941 before the attack on Pearl Harbor, but it clearly shows that the nation and Hollywood could see what was coming.

It stars Errol Flynn as a Navy test pilot and Fred MacMurray as a flight surgeon. They are trying to solve the problem of blackouts by pilots in dive bombing mode. The film is intriguing because of classic footage showing older fixed wing bombers as well as squadrons of bi-planes that seem totally mismatched for the aircraft being flown by Germany and Japan at that time. In addition there are sequences showing the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise. The flight surgeons working on blackout mediation try a number of techniques and procedures and eventually come up with solutions that appear to work at the time. I was a ground pounder so I will leave it up to the Navy veterans and those with flight experience to let us know if the film’s conclusions are valid and whether they used some of those techniques in the Vietnam era. In addition there is plenty of film footage showing the uniforms and planes in color that will please those interested in historical context and accuracy. Bottom line: A very good film.

Reviewers Rating (Out of 5 Stars)



Available on NETFLIX, AMAZON PRIME.

*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**



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.

[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, cost-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, 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.

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.

DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

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 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.

- Explore and apply for VA health care
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- Access health resources

Learn more at www.choose.va.gov.



Your go-to for all VA services. Call this 24/7, toll-free number for all your VA needs: **1-844-698-2311**.



Confidential chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255.



Sign up for a My HealthVet (MHV) account at www.myhealth.va.gov.

- Access your personal health information and keep records of your health services.
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Learn about your health conditions, medications, medical tests, and more at www.veteranshealthlibrary.org.



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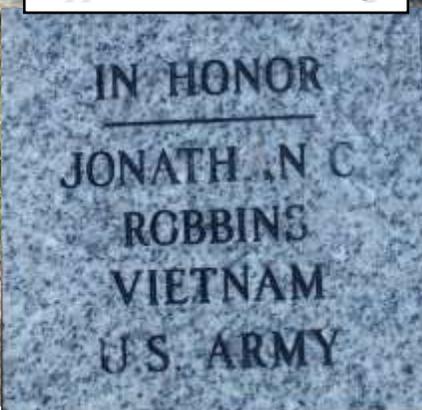
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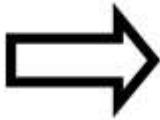
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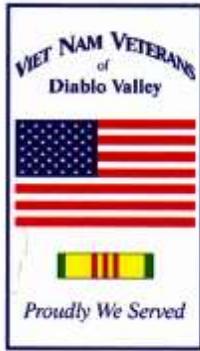
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For all your VNVDV Shirts and Hats team with TJ and Power Stitch



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Looking for a unique BIRTHDAY Gift? Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips, 2006, 2012 and the Fall 2019 to VietNam. Wheel Chairs Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

We Thank David Behring & the Wheel Chair Foundation for the support of VNVDV & our three amazing wheel chair distribution trips to Vietnam.

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 trip to Vietnam. Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors our VietNam War Veteran Members

**VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Special 50th VN Commeration -
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Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office
OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans

All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands
The New Paver Section with 600 Pavers
Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member or patriot with a special AWM Paver Tribute!

1st ENGRAVING COMPLETED—Hopefully 1 in May!
Custom Engraving is performed Spring & Fall.
Take time to visit the AWM - then the website for an application form. Order your AWM Paver
www.AllWarsMemorial.org
Questions? See link on AWM Website

Please SUPPORT & FOLLOW NEWS from some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:
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
Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: www.MarineClub.com
Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: www.SentinelsofFreedom.org
Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org
Blue Star Moms #101 website: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20 website: www.ccbluestarmoms.org
VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.org

VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org

SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS "DROP-OFF" LOCATIONS



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Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Martinez Primary Care Clinic
150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553

Advice Nurse-Appointment Line
800-382-8387
Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line
866-600-8279
Martinez, CA. 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez
- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your
FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!

**VA is now offering Covid
vaccines to non-veteran
spouses and their caregivers**

**Veterans... Are You Utilizing
Your VA Health Care Benefits?**

The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA
Health Care coverage & utilizing trained
professional advocates at our Contra Costa County VSO.
The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help
**Visit our VNVDV Website
for more Benefit details.**

Are You Watching CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" on 2nd Monday?

**Monthly Show Topics IMPORTANT to VETERANS & Recently Discharged/Returning VETS
SUPPORT Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer**

Watch 7pm Mondays

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A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

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 2nd Monday at 7 pm on CCTV
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Contra Costa TV is channel 22 on Oakland, channel 27 on Concord, and channel 91 on AT&T U-verse!
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

**"VETERAN VOICES"
on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH**

**TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR
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SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.**



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Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

Contact: Thomas Corbett, Veteran Liaison Officer, LIC# 44629
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To purchase call: Mike Martin - 925.323.1093



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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. 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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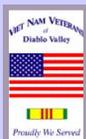
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