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President

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley OPERATION SANTA RETURNS TARGET GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT

HOLIDAY APPRECIATION GALA DEC 1ST

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all got a chance to stop by the Veterans Memorial Building during the Veterans Day weekend. There was a great **Veterans Day Ceremony** with fantastic guest speaker, **Bob Fish from the Hornet**. There was a **Pancake Breakfast** put on by the Danville Town Council and the best **Pop-up Museum** ever. Many thanks to all who helped plan, set-up, docent, guard the Huey, tear down etc., and those who came to see what we had done. Bravo Zulu to you all.

This is my last president's message, as my term is up at the end of the year. I will have to admit I will miss it. Way too much work, but also very rewarding. Thanks for allowing me to lead you all for the past 2+ years. I won't be far.

Please, if you have not already, bring \$25 Target gift cards to the Christmas Dinner, which will be used during our **"Operation Santa"**, where we treat families of active-duty military to a little Christmas spirit, a holiday meal and presents for every child.

VNVDV HOLIDAY AWARDS DINNER DECEMBER 2021



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: 59th
"Eye of Diablo" Beacon Lighting Ceremony
DEC 7th



Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outdoors at the Cal State East Bay Concord Campus, at 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road in Concord at 3:45.

The Christmas Dinner is where we get dressed up and are served a gourmet meal, no buffet. It is also when we recognize those who have gone above and beyond in the service of our organization. Please remember, you must rsvp to Slatts at Slattengren.vndv@gmail.com to attend the Christmas Dinner. The deadline is 11/23. For the safety of our most vulnerable members, please take a Covid test that morning.

There will be a **Celebration of Life for "Big John" Estes** at the Veterans Memorial Building on Sunday December 4th in the main hall from 1:00 till 4:00.

John will always be remembered as the "world's sexiest Marine" and our larger than life past president. Please make an effort to attend if you knew him.

Then December 10th is the greatest football game of all time. The **Army-Navy game** will be shown in the main hall of the VMB. We will be serving hot dogs with fixins and "Art's" beans. Bring a side dish and drink of choice. ([Go Navy](#))

The following Saturday, December 17 is the day we remember those veterans who are laid to rest at the **Alamo Cemetery**. **Wreaths Across America**

hosts a short ceremony will start at 11:00 followed by the laying of wreaths on each veteran's grave. All are welcome to attend.

After that it's Christmas, then New Years. I sincerely hope that you all have joyful and safe holidays. It has been my honor to represent the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and I will continue to be an active member in the future.

Dennis Giacovelli
President
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houseworks@pacbell.net



Notice: We are discontinuing ZOOM Calls during our monthly Dinner Meetings. It has been difficult to provide a reliable and consistent connection.

If Covid returns at a high level of intensity that forces us to discontinue in-person Dinner Meetings, we will resume the ZOOM Calls.

2022 VNVDV Crab Feed

Sunday - Feb. 12th

"Donations Needed"

For the Feb. 12 Crab Feed donations don't fall from the sky. For this 2022 event Jim Murphy and Jim Hill need everyone's help to make the Auction successful. Contact them to discuss ways to contribute to the success of this fund raiser.



Left: JIM MURPHY, 925 858 2618

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Right: JIM HILL, 510 410 1040

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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Invite you to our annual

CHRISTMAS DINNER And RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Thursday December 1, 2022

5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner

Sit-Down Dinner \$50.00

No host bar

Crow Canyon Country Club,
711 Silver Lake Drive
Danville, CA

Please RSVP by Nov. 20 to

Mike Slattengren at

925-216-7139 or

Slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

Please respond with your choice of

Prime Rib, Salmon or

Butternut Squash Ravioli

Veterans Day Parade Pleasanton - Sun. Nov 6



Veteran's Pancake Breakfast Hosted by the DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL



REMEMBERING VNVDV PAST PRESI- DENT JOHN ESTES



VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA HELP A WHEELCHAIR RECIPIENT WITH HIS NEW WHEELCHAIR. — VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY RECEIVE THANKS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE NEAR HANOI — WHEELCHAIR RECIPIENT HEADS HOME WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

Written By John Estes, U.S. Marine Corps, J965

The plane touched down at 10:15 a.m. on November 26th, 2006 at Tan Son Nhut Airport in South Vietnam. "We're back..." is all I could come up with to say.

It was hot and humid and slightly overcast and Ho Chi Minh City was abuzz with activity.

"Looks the same to me," said "Wild Bill" LaVigne (U.S. Army).

"It's already better! Last time I saw the mudpu as we were coming in," was Jerry Yahiru's (U.S. Army) take.

"Seems okay," chimed in Tim Hart (U.S. Marine Corps). "I agree with Bill."

"I don't know what to say yet..." commented John Reese (U.S. Navy diver).

These were the first words spoken by five of us upon arrival in Vietnam for the "second" time.

We are all members of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley,



California, and we are returning to Vietnam with our wives and friends on a mission far removed from the one that brought us here the first time, some 35 to 42 years ago. An "adventure" which, over the next 13 days, would deeply affect each one of us.

Through our Past President, Mike Weber (U.S. Army Medic) and the Wheelchair Foundation, our group was able to raise enough

money to send 560 wheelchairs to Vietnam. It had taken us two years to raise the funds for these wheelchairs, and now we had come back to Vietnam to distribute them. We brought with us \$3,500 dollars to donate to a number of children's schools and orphanages and we had also brought along, thanks to the work of John Reese and the generosity of the V.A. Hospital in Martinez, California, over 60 pounds of medicines.

Our first wheelchair distribution came on our third day in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). Joel Hodge, our Wheelchair Foundation liaison, walked us to The Friendship House in the center of Ho Chi Minh City where a very formal ceremony would take place. Over the next hour, many wheelchairs were given out. I think that most of us were not prepared to see such physical and mental need among these people, and our first tears were shed. But this was just the beginning.

We flew to Quy Nhon the next day, and over the next two days we all began to realize what we were doing and go to see first hand how our helping hands affected the daily lives of those in need of a wheelchair. We met the local individuals face-to-face and felt their friendship and caring. Whole families were there to see their children, grandparents, and moms and dads receive something that would completely change their lives for the better. They cried and we cried with them. They laughed and we laughed with them. And we helped them load up their new wheelchairs, as many as four stacked on the back of a family motor scooter, and marveled at their ability as they drove away.

In Quy Nhon we met a wonderful woman named Nguyen Nga who, with the help of some of her handicapped students, educates, feeds and cares for nearly 200 orphaned disabled children every day. She was so proud of her kids and introduced us to her staff. It was here that I was struck by the enormity of the needs of the Vietnamese as I reached down to shake the hand of her office helper and saw that she did not have a hand. I smiled, and did not know what to say.

At Kids First Village in Dong Ha on Day Nine, we saw the "new", "modern" Vietnam being built. We gave away more wheelchairs and we donated John Reese's 60 pounds of medicine to Kids First Clinic. I watched as Wild Bill helped a beautiful young girl into her new wheelchair and made her smile. And then I saw him and Rich Vanucci (U.S. Navy Retired) begin to weep.

We left Kids First Village and went into town and gave away four more wheelchairs to people in their homes. At the home of one wheelchair recipient, a deformed para-athlete swimmer, Skip George (U.S. Army Special Forces) assembled a wheelchair and then gently lifted the young man into it. All the while his mother made sure that the neighbors and everyone else saw what had just happened to her son. He was nearly 20 years old and it was the first wheelchair he had ever had. We continued on our way.

Hanoi, our last leg of the trip, Day 11. We visited the Vietnam Friendship Village today. Dennis Marguet, U.S. Marine Corps, quite throughout most of the trip, let some of his emotions show. It's hard to explain the condition that some of these children are in, but I will say this, it is something most of us never see and you would not be human if it did not affect you. When you see their smiles and the warmth that they give, you know within them there is hope.

One of the most emotional moments of our entire trip happened here at the Friendship Village. Along with disabled children, they

care for some old soldiers, those who have fought in the many wars Vietnam has had over the past 50 years. Here, 40 years later, we came face-to-face with some of our fellow warriors, men whom we faced in combat so long ago. Through interpreters, we told each other stories, we hugged and we shook hands and years passed. We laughed and we surely cried and found out just how much we were alike. We parted with a promise to come back.

As we were leaving the Friendship Village, a little disabled boy waddled up to me and sprang into my arms, and in his excitement, he peed on me. I looked at him and I had never seen more joy expressed on someone's face in all my life. With his disabled body he kept saying "Number one! Number one!" and giving me the thumbs up sign, and he did not want to get down. That moment will stay with me forever.

On our last day in Vietnam, Skip George said, "There are two kinds of people in this world, those that do and those that don't." Well, with the help of those at the Wheelchair Foundation, our group "did." We came, we saw, we laughed and we cried. We gave some, but we got back much, much more. And, we changed. I, for one, am going back.



John Estes was a huge supporter of the Wheelchair Foundation efforts started earlier by then President Mike Weber and John participated in fundraising at the 2006 Wheelchair Foundation distribution in VietNam & was our senior representative for the trip along with Past President Mike Weber. Estes loved to go fishing and organized trips with past & future presidents often. John was active and always promoting the organization - working at all the golf tournaments for the All Wars Memorial - crab feeds - fundraisers. He would get involved and do anything to help another member. After serving as VNVDV President in 2010 he retired to his cabin at Ft. Bragg.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: top: John Estes, self-taught fisherman "Bragg Guy" makes a new friend; middle: Dennis Marguet of Fort Bragg receives his first wheelchair from Skip George; bottom left: Dennis Marguet and Jerry Yahiru near Hanoi, where they were honored four decades ago; bottom right: Having fun at the Nguyen Ngan Center in Quy Nhon; bottom center: Warren's扁豆





WREATHS across AMERICA

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DEC. 17TH 11:00

ALAMO CEMETERY, 130 EL
PORTAL, DANVILLE, CA 94526
(CAAACA)

PLEASE HELP US REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH ON
DECEMBER 18, 2021 AT 10:00 AM BY SPONSORING A WREATH,
VOLUNTEERING, OR INVITING FRIENDS TO HELP.

**REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve...
TEACH our children the value of Freedom.**

OPERATION SANTA 2022 SERVES 100 FAMILIES CONSISTING OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AND GWOT VETERANS. THE COAST GUARD PROVIDES THE EVENT LOCATION AND THE SELECTED FAMILIES RECEIVE TOYS AND GIFT CARDS THAT HELP THEM ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. VNVDV MEMBERS MAY DONATE TO THE PROGRAM BY BRING A GIFT CARD FROM TARGET WITH A SUGGESTED VALUE OF \$25. THE GIFT CARDS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3RD AND THE DECEMBER 1ST MEETINGS.



DUBLIN ROTARY VETERANS DAY LUNCH



HUEY GETS A BATH



VETERANS DAY LIGHTING OF THE MT. DIABLO BEACON



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUPERVISORS HONOR VETERANS CEREMONY



Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
1025 Escobar Street, Martinez

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



VIET NAM VETERANS
DIABLO VALLEY
MEMBER BRIGADIER
GENERAL (RETIRED)
BART GILBERT WAS
THE FEATURED
SPEAKER



VETERANS DAY 2022 - THREE DAY PRESENTATION FEATURING THE SPACE PROGRAM





For more than a century, they've been at it.
The Black Knights against the Midshipmen.
Army vs. Navy

The Greatest Rivalry In Sports. Army/Navy Game

December 10, 2022

Game starts 12:00

Come join your fellow Veterans
downstairs in the main hall of the
Veterans Memorial Building

For
hot dogs, chili, nachos,
Camaraderie, and The Game
Bring a side dish and refreshment

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY
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VOLUNTEER Needed to Operate Projector at VNVDV Dinner Meetings



- Easy to Operate
- Get 30 Minute Training
- Printed Step-By-Step Instructions included

If Interested, Contact:
Steven Burchik at
925-998-9433



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

Show Topic: **"Best Of 2022 Shows"**

Watch on: Comcast Channel 27

-or- Facebook: **veteransvoices1**

VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

Annual Crab Feed & Auction



Sunday February 12, 2023

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, CA

SAVE the DATE

More Information to Come!

IN THE MEANTIME WE NEED DONATIONS.

PLEASE BE A DONOR OR SPONSOR A DONOR.

Contact: Jim Murphy

925 858-2618 • jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Contact: Jim Hill

510 410-1040 • jamauihill@yahoo.com

Calling All VNVDV Members, we need your support & help!

As an organization the VNVDV is committed to supporting veterans, active military and our local community. In order to ensure our commitment we must raise funds that support the needs these important groups within our community.

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their “Super Crab Feed & Auction” annual fundraiser, and respectfully request your help and support for this event. Our event will take place on Sunday February 12, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526. A fresh cracked crab dinner will be served along with a Silent Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes, Football Pool and wine & beer Bar. Attendance is limited to 160 people, cost per person is TBD. Once final event details are confirmed information regarding the purchase of tickets will be sent to you.

As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley we respectfully request your support for this event.

- Frequent a local restaurant? Asked them for their support with a gift card/certificate or you can buy a gift card for your next visit as a way of supporting them during these challenging times and ask them to match it as a way of supporting the VNVDV.
- You can do the same when dealing with any of the local businesses you support throughout the year.
- Ask family and friends. Many of our best donations come as a result of who you know. Reach out and ask for their help and support.
- Receive gifts of wines and spirits? Why not consider re-gifting them as donations for our event.

All donations received will be identified with the donor’s name. All donors will be acknowledged to our membership and to the community at large. These generous donations will ensure our continued commitment of support to our veterans and active military community.

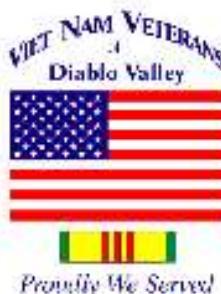
If you have any questions regarding donations or need help getting them to us please reach out to:

Jim Murphy – Tel: 925 858-2618 EM: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Jim Hill – Tel: 510 410-1040 EM: jamauihill@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

IDEAS FOR CRAB FEED DONATIONS



November 1, 2022

Dear VNVDV member,

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) proudly announce their "Super Sunday Crab Feed" annual fundraiser, and respectfully request your help and support for this event. Our event will take place on February 12, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, 400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526. A Super Sunday Crab Feed will be served along with a Silent Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes, Football Pool and Snack Table. Attendance is limited to 120 people, cost is \$60.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Michael Slattengren at (925) 216-7139 or Email: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com.

The VNVDV is an independent, "grass-roots", non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(19), veterans' organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam veterans. We "proudly continue to serve" our community, through a variety of programs and events.

The money raised through this fundraising event, supports the ongoing administrative costs of the VNVDV. More importantly, these funds also support our various Veteran, serving military and community related events and programs, throughout the year. These include:

- The All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville's 4th of July Parade
- Danville Veteran's Day Program
- The VNVDV School Speaker's Bureau
- The Holiday Gift Drive
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- GWOT Young Veterans Retreat
- The East Bay Stand Down
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus

As a member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley I respectfully request your support for this event, I am asking you to reach out to friends, associates and family member's for donations in support of our silent auction. All donations received will be identified with the donor's name. All donors will be acknowledged to our membership and to the community at large. These generous donations will ensure our continued commitment of support to our veterans and active military community. For donation follow-ups/referrals please contact: Jim Murphy (925) 858-2618 or Email: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com.

I look forward to you joining us in support of the "Super Luau" fundraiser and I'm grateful for your generosity to your fellow veterans, serving military, and community programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dennis Giacovelli, President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Date: _____

DONATION - DONOR RECEIPT

To: _____

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. We are a non-profit organization and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual fund raising event.

The money raised through our 2023 Charity Fundraiser, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. Thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

**2022 Auction Coordinator
Auction Donation Committee 2022
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**

VNVDV Contact: Jim Murphy - Telephone: (925) 858-2618 - E-mail: jimmurphycreative@yahoo.com

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
P. O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526 - 2079 - E-MAIL: VNVDV1@gmail.com - WEBSITE : www.VNVDV.com
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& state (RTC 23701w) income tax

NOVEMBER Dinner Meeting - 2022



Community Friends & Supporters...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our annual combined

Veterans Service Organization

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

**Fundraiser for the
Veterans Memorial Building**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday March 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

**Veterans Memorial Building
400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA**

**GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE,
SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE,
DOOR PRIZES**

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY *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
Jim Taylor	Army	Lawrence Tehero	Air Force
Kelly McHugh	Army	Steve Telles	Navy
	Larry Lalenzin	Air Force	

THANKS TO NOVEMBER SPEAKER Eric Ardell for his presentation on “The Fall of Saigon, April 1975” and the Naval Operation to rescue refugees from South Viet Nam

**OPERATION
FREQUENT WIND
APRIL 1975**

FALL OF SAIGON AND
EVACUATION OF EMBASSY

EVACUATION PREPARATIONS

* The North Vietnamese offensive started again mid-April.
* As the fall of Saigon was now imminent, all ships in Subic Bay were sorted overnight 15-16 April in some 16 hours.
* Meantime, an ARG of 5 ships was between Hawaii and the Philippines including USS Mount Vernon (LSD-39), my ship.
* Ordered to proceed at high speed to Subic, we were to take on 2 helicopters and proceed to Vietnam and join Task Force 76.

EVACUATION BEGINNINGS

- * On 25 March, the following ships were moved to support the evacuations out of Danang: SS American Racer, SS Green Forest, SS Green Port, SS Green Wave, SS Pioneer Commander, SS Pioneer Contender, SS Transcolorado, USNS Greenville Victory, USNS Sgt Andrew Miller, and USNS Sgt. Truman Kimbro
- * Noncombatants were used because the Paris Agreement prohibited the entry of U.S. Navy or other military forces into the country.



CONCLUSION

- * Once landed the two-man crew step out.
- * Turns out the helo was the personal helicopter of Vice President Ky who was already on the USS Blue Ridge.
- * We kept the helo onboard and took it back to Subic Bay.
- * On the 2nd of May Task Force 76, MSC, and commercial ships moved away from the coast, sailing to Subic Bay and Guam.
- * All told, some 75 to 80,000 Vietnamese refugees were processed through Subic Bay and Guam for further traveling to the US.



If you have any questions or would like to schedule a viewing, call or email me.

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**VA MARTINEZ is Ready
Call & Schedule an Appointment for Your FLU Shot
by Calling: 925 / 372-2011**

Don't get the FLU - Get Your FLU Shot this month!

No-cost flu shots available for enrolled Veterans

Free flu shots start on September 16, 2022, at all VA Northern California Health Care System locations. Flu shots can prevent or reduce flu symptoms.

Why should I get a flu shot?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is especially important for all of us to do our part to help reduce the spread of the flu in our communities. A flu shot is a safe way to help protect yourself and those around you from getting sick and having complications from flu. You should get an updated flu shot every year. The flu shot neither prevents nor causes COVID-19. As a reminder, the flu shot cannot cause a flu-illness, and the vaccine we use does not contain any live virus. Visit the [VHA Public Health website](#) for more information.

Routine vaccination prevents illnesses that lead to unnecessary medical visits and hospitalizations.

If you have already received the COVID-19 and/or flu vaccine outside of the VA, provide your nurse with the documentation (date/location), so your records will be updated.

Enrolled Veterans get a no-cost flu shot at Martinez Outpatient Clinic

During Scheduled Appointments

Enrolled Veterans can request a flu shot during most scheduled appointments. Ask the provider or clerk about flu shots when scheduling an appointment.

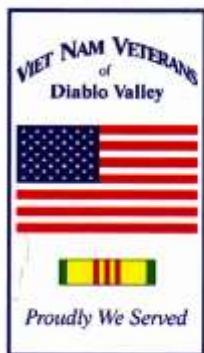
Walk-In Vaccination Clinics

Flu shots are being offered on a walk-in basis at the Martinez, VA Clinic.

♦ Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. PT

Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."

**For all
your
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with TJ
and Pow-
er Stitch**



John T.J. Trujillo
Director of Procurement

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VNVDV Hats and Shirts available at monthly meetings

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



*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 Commemoration -
Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.**

**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 Flu shots at the Martinez Clinic

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

VETERANS' VOICES

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 www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices
Call in Live: (925) 313-1170

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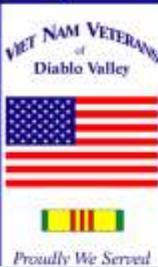
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The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday** of every month at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

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!

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