

INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

DEC 2024

NOV 7TH VNVDV DINNER MEETING

BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON



JIM HILL
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has the year gone. This is my final newsletter message as President, since my year-long term is about to end. It has been a busy year with the usual fund-raising events and public displays of our commitment to our various communities. From the **Crab Feed to the Christmas and Recognition Dinner** it has been a full and rewarding year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside one of the most active Boards of Directors among VSOs in the Bay Area.

November was an active month for VNVDV. The support for the **Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade** was excellent. The **Celebration of Life for Jerry Yahiro** filled the VMB with those recognizing Jerry as a Veteran advocate. **Contra Costa County Supervisors held their Veterans Day Ceremony** to include honoring **Steve Burchik** for his work with Veterans' Voices. Finally the three day **VMB Veterans Day Program** was a huge success.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5th. The annual VNVDV Holiday and recognition Dinner takes place at Bridges Golf Club.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VNVDV CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER FEB 9, 2025

VMB DANVILLE, CA

DOORS OPEN 1 PM

SNACK FOOD AND SOCIALIZE

FRESH CRAB DINNER AND FOOTBALL GAME TO FOLLOW

TICKETS ARE \$100

PURCHASE TICKETS: ED BAFFICO
(edgogolf@sbcglobal.net)

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THE DONATION OF GIFT CARDS FOR A RAFFLE AND LIVE AUCTION ARE REQUESTED (restaurants, Safeway, Starbucks, Home Depot, Target)

JOIN VNVDV FOR THIS GREAT EVENT

The deadline for a reservation has passed, but if you are one of the lucky people who planned ahead, you can look forward to a wonderful dinner and some great company. We will pass out checks and gift cards to the various organizations that we have supported for many years. We will also announce the recipients of **Veteran of the Year, Volunteer of the Year** as well as the **Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award**.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5th. The formal announcement of the **New Officers and the members of the Board of Directors for 2025** will be made at the Holiday Dinner. This is based on the results of the Election conducted in November.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th. The **Annual Army-Navy Game** will be presented live at the **Veterans Memorial Building in Danville** with Free Admission for Veterans and their guests. Snacks and beverages will also be provided for this classic matchup. The official kickoff time is 12:00 NOON PST.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th. The annual **Wreaths Across America** ceremony takes place at 11:00 AM at the Alamo Cemetery. Immediately following the short ceremony, wreaths will be placed at the markers for America's Veterans.

Looking forward, the **2025 CRAB FEED** will be held **Feb. 9, 2025**. The tickets are \$100 and **FRESH CRAB is guaranteed**. There will be a **LIVE AUCTION and GIFT CARDS** as raffle items. The 2025 format has changed due to the realization the VNVDV worker bees are getting older. The **CRAB FEED** has been such a successful event it had to adapt and everyone's support is required to continue this tradition. **Member solicitation of gift card donations is essential.**

Thank you again for your support and I wish you and your families the sincerest Holiday wishes in this land of the free.

Jim Hill
President
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Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award to be Presented
at Holiday Dinner + Veteran & Volunteer of the Year

GARY VILLALBA

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer



1988 - 2008 in Contra Costa County . . .
Over Twenty Years - Proudly Serving Our Nation's Veterans

Gary Villalba is a legend in the California Veteran Community... serving Veterans over twenty years in *Contra Costa County* as our Veterans Service Officer & Director for both Martinez & Richmond Offices aiding thousands of veterans & their family members. Back in 2008, the VNVDV Board of Directors voted *unanimously* to establish a "*perpetual recognition award*" in the name of **GARY VILLALBA** Honoring his years of service & dedication to all veterans. This is the highest award the VNVDV bestows annually... *in Gary's honor*. It's bestowed upon an individual who exhibits the character & *great dedication to serving veterans* as Gary demonstrated & provided in our community for his entire career.

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

ALAMO CEMETERY, 130 EL PORTAL, DANVILLE



**Help SRV Republican Women Federated
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at
Alamo Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation
online or visit

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0722



#LiveWithPurpose



TICKETS CONTACT:

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SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

Crab Feed

JANUARY 25, 2025

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lafayette

5:30 pm

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Our free veterinary wellness clinics are available by appointment for dogs and cats only. Limit two pets per household per clinic.

On-site Clinic

Our in-house clinic provides veterinary wellness care for Veterans' pets. The dedicated Veterans' clinic entrance can be found just past the main adoption entrance, around the corner from the spay/neuter clinic entrance. Services are by appointment only on Wednesdays.

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ARMY-NAVY GAME

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Kick-off at 12:00

**Come join your fellow Veterans
downstairs in the main hall of the
Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley**

**For hot dogs, chili, nachos, Camaraderie, and
The Game**

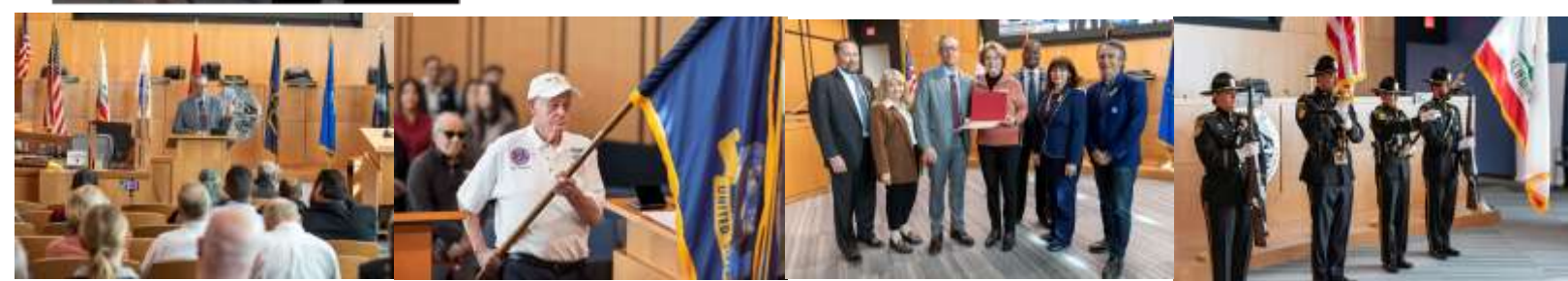
Bring a side dish and refreshment





VETERANS DAY 2024 CEREMONY

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



You are invited to the 9th Annual

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the

Danville Town Council

(Karen Stepper, Dave Fong, Newell Arnerich, Renee Morgan & Robert Storer)

and American Legion Post 246

Monday, November 11, 2024

7:30 - 10:30 am



Location:
Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley
2nd Floor
400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA

VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
A COMPLIMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY *DEC.* BIRTHDAYS

Chelle Clements	Army	Larry Lalenzin	Air Force
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
Gary Brassier	Army	Jeff Castro	Army
William Crabbe	Army	James MacDonald	Army

Thanks to the November Speakers Josh Zebley, Director Veterans Service Organization Contra Costa County and Nathan Johnson Veterans Administration, Martinez Clinic for their update on Veteran Services.



Preparing for the Inevitable

- My fellow presenters: Marcia Estrella and Chris Burchik. Because of these ladies, this is the easiest and hardest talk I have given.
- I got involved because of my wife's sister's recent passing and Jan was the Executor.
- Tremendous amount of info about this subject.
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- Guys started talking about:
 - NOK Boxes
 - Who needs to be notified and when
 - Important Phone numbers
 - Location of important papers, especially DD-214
 - Need for a checklist



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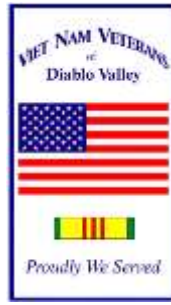
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December 2024

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 20th annual charity fund-raiser & we respectfully request your support for this event. On **“Super Sunday”** - February 9, 2025, we will hold our annual **“Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed**, proudly honoring all those who served. This fundraiser will be at the Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue in the Town of Danville, beginning at 1PM.

We look forward to your business support for this important event with donated gift certificates or gift cards to promote your business and/or services. Your generous donation will be used in our Live Auction or Super Raffle held during the 2025 *Charity Crab Feed fund raiser*.

The VNVDV **are an independent, “grass-roots”, non-profit & tax-exempt**, 501(c)19, **Veteran’s Service Organization**, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. With a motto: We **“proudly served”** and *proudly continue to serve our community and veterans...* through your support of this annual event.

The funds raised through our Charity Crab Feeds support local veteran, active-duty military, non-profit community-service events & projects / programs that we conduct/support or sponsor throughout the year - **including...**

- East Bay Stand Down – *Homeless Vet Support*
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- 4th of July Parade – Danville - *Flag Distribution*
- **Veteran’s Day Program** - San Ramon Valley
- **The VNVDV Speaker’s Bureau** – *over 80,000 reached*
- Operation Welcome Home – *Returning Veterans*
- **Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor”** for our Veterans
- Blue Star Moms Support– *Troop Care Packages*
- Sentinels of Freedom Scholarships
- GWOT Veteran Retreat – *Duck Club Weekend*
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- Wheelchair Foundation – *Distribution/Support*
- Operation Santa Claus – *Supporting Active-duty*
- Veteran Memorial Building – *Museum Docent*

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, & our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our organization, visit our website at www.VNVDV.org – or contact us below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2025 **“Salute to our Troops”** Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Giacobelli - President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Telephone: 925 / **323-9404**
E-mail: houseworks@pacbell.net

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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Date: _____

DONATION RECEIPT

To: _____

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

Your Donation Details

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The money raised through our all-volunteer 2025 Charity Crab Feed, will help support local veteran projects, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your generous support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

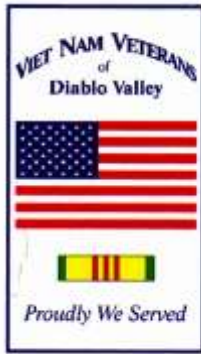
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Crab Feed Donation Committee 2025
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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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 VNVDV Shirts and Hats team with TJ and Power Stitch



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The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips, 2006, 2012, 2019 and 2024 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 four amazing wheel chair distribution trips to Vietnam.

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 and 2024 trips to Vietnam. Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors our VietNam War Veteran Members

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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

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"VETERAN VOICES" THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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



A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

Join us live on the 2nd Monday of each month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans.



7:00 PM CCTV, Hosted by the
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Costa County



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Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

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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!*

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DECEMBER MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON
DINNER COST WILL BE \$70

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