

INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

AUG 2025

VNVDV AUGUST 7TH DINNER MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON



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President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now, several of us would have spent the day supporting the **Wheelchair Foundation Golf** fundraiser. Many thanks to **Tim and Lorrie Sammons, Jim Murphy, and John Reese** for “tending” the Military Hole. And special thanks to **Mayor Morgan, Tom Amato and Joe Callaway** for their sponsorship of the hole. I am anticipating our boosting the Wheelchair sales by at least 100.

Not much going on in August, so I will get a jump on September. As we approach the **Anniversary of September 11th**, I would like to invite you all to join us in honoring the lives lost and the heroes who served on that day and in the years since. The ceremony is at **Oak Hill Park at the All Wars Memorial and starts at 5:30**. It is a short remembrance which includes a guest speaker, wonderful high school chorus singing patriotic songs, and even free ice cream when it is over. Your presence would mean a great deal to the Community and to your fellow Veterans.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PREPARATION



SPEAKER for the AUGUST 7TH DINNER MEETING will be Hilary Grabowska a NPS Supervisory Interpretive Ranger. She will be speaking on the Port Chicago Disaster and the wide range of impacts that resulted from it.

And speaking of the **All Wars Memorial**, when you get to the 9-11 ceremony, you will notice several changes to the Memorial. We are about ¾ complete in our “years in the making” project. The final pieces were a “tariff” setback so new completion date is November. There are two new stone benches along the path, each 28’ long, new signage describing what is on the existing bronze plaques, new landscaping, etc. More to come later.

That’s it, see you on Thursday Night

Stay Safe

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9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 2024



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE REQUIRES A CLEAN HUEY



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PICTURE FROM 2025



THANKS TO ROBIN LEMMO, VNV DV EVENT DIRECTOR FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF JULY 4TH PARADE

A collage of 18 photographs capturing various moments from a Veterans Day parade. The images show participants in military uniforms, veterans in civilian clothes, and military vehicles like a tank and a truck. Many participants are holding American flags, and the parade is taking place on a street lined with spectators.



SAN RAMON VALLEY, CA

24th Annual

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

Keynote Speaker

Chief Harold Schapelhouman

Firefighter - Emergency Response - American Hero



**September 11th
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Oak Hill Park
Danville**

Monte Vista Choir * Free Ice Cream * 9-11 Essay Awards Contest

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JULY 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **AUGUST** BIRTHDAYS

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Carl Swanson

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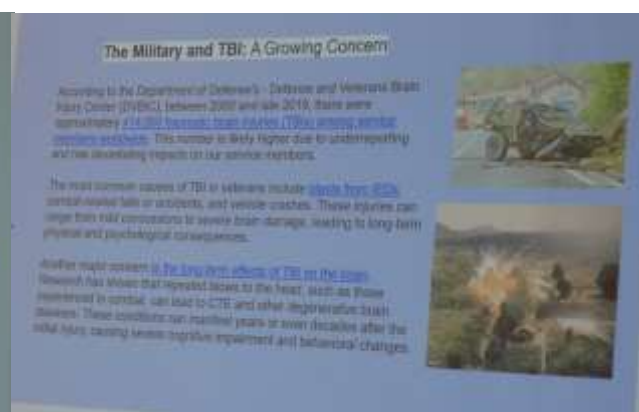
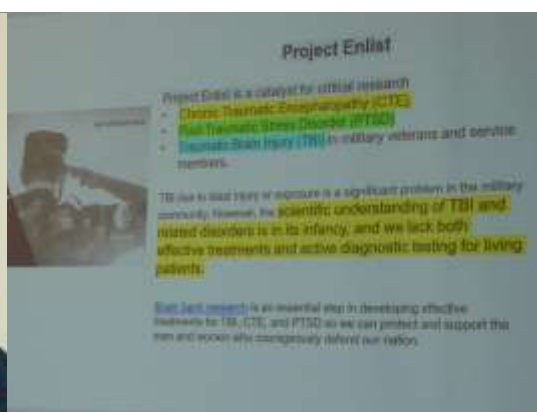
Trey Blum

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Marcia Estrella

Honorary

Thanks to the JULY Speaker Terri O'Connor for her presentation discussing the latest research, symptoms and brain health as it relates to veterans.



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

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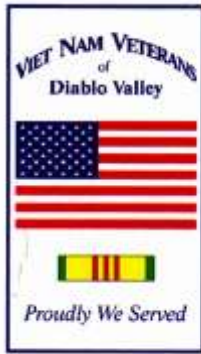
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Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters**

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our VietNam War Veteran Members**

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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

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



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Costa County



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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 **Bridges Golf Club, San Ramon.**

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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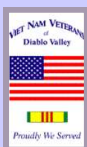
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DINNER MEETING

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